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#### ABSTRACT

The stratigraphy of the southern part of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation is composed of igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary rocks, and unconsolidated deposits. Extensive terraces surrounding the base of the Little Rocky Mountains have been cut by streams draining the highlands. The continental ice sheet advanced across the plains, but not the mountains, of the study area at least twice during the Pleistocene Epoch.

Quaternary valley fill consists of cobbles, gravel, sand, silt, and clay that have been deposited as glacial deposits, colluvium, and alluvium. Glacial deposits occur as till and glaciolacustrine clay, are relatively impermeable, and typically form a confining unit overlying the valley-fill aquifer. Colluvium is relatively impermeable and does not yield water. Alluvium occurs in sequences as much as 90 feet thick near the mountain front and contains layers of sand and gravel that form the primary aquifer in the valley-fill sequence.

Of the five principal stream valleys in the study area, only Little Peoples and Lodge Pole Creeks have deposits of sand and gravel that are continuous along most of the length of the valleys. Valley fill beneath these two valleys is bounded by shale, except where the valleys cross the Eagle Sandstone and localized sandstone sequences of the Judith River Formation, both of Late Cretaceous age. Hydraulic connection between the sandstone and the valley fill is implied but not quantified by this report. The principal aquifer consists of multiple layers of sand and gravel in the lower part of the valley-fill sequence. These deposits average about 20 feet in aggregate thickness in the center of the valleys. The aquifers are unconfined in the southern, upgradient, unglaciated parts of the valleys and confined in the northern, downgradient parts, where they are blanketed by glacial sediments. Ground-water levels in the unglaciated parts of the valleys respond quickly to increased stream-Ground-water levels in the glaciated parts of the valleys display flow. little response to changes in streamflow. Aquifer tests indicate a maximum estimated hydraulic-conductivity value of 760 feet per day near the mountains, decreasing to a minimum 180 feet per day downgradient in the system. The valley-fill aquifers are recharged by infiltration of streamflow, runoff, and precipitation, and by leakage from bedrock. The aquifers are discharged by leakage to streams, evapotranspiration, and outflow through valley fill at the downstream end of the study area.

In the valleys, water in wells near the mountain front is a calcium bicarbonate type, with dissolved-solids concentrations as small as 232 milligrams per liter, whereas water in wells farther downgradient is a sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate type with dissolved-solids concentrations as large as 11,500 milligrams per liter. The increase in dissolved-solids concentration downflow in the aquifer probably results from a combination of leakage of water from bedrock, dissolution of minerals within the aquifer, and evapotranspiration.

The potential is good for additional withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer of Little Peoples Creek. However, the development of additional large-capacity wells capable of sustaining 150-250 gallons per minute for irrigation could lower water levels or hydraulic heads in the aquifer, increase leakage of water from bedrock, and increase infiltration

of water from Little Peoples Creek. The result of additional pumping would possibly be an increase in dissolved-solids concentration downflow in the aguifer and a decrease in streamflow of Little Peoples Creek.

The potential is limited for additional withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer along Lodge Pole Creek, because insufficient long-term recharge to the aquifer would severely limit the use of large-capacity wells. However, the potential is good for additional withdrawals in the southern, unconfined part of the aquifer for domestic and stock-watering use. Water quality in the northern, confined part of the aquifer might be undesirable for domestic use.

Investigation of the Jim Brown, Big Warm, and Beaver Creek valleys indicated that none had sufficient aquifer thickness or recharge area to support the development of large-capacity irrigation wells. However, areas of Beaver Creek near the mountain front have the potential to support additional wells for domestic, stock-watering, and small-scale irrigation use.

#### INTRODUCTION

In the southern part of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation (fig. 1), surfacewater supply is inadequate to meet the demands for irrigation of potentially irrigable lands. However, ground-water supplies of sufficient quantity and quality for irrigation might be obtained from the shallow valley-fill aquifers along the north flank of the Little Rocky Mountains near the southern boundary of the reservation (Feltis, 1983). To explore that potential for additional water supply, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fort Belknap Community Council, conducted a study from August 1987 through July 1989 to evaluate the shallow ground-water conditions in the area. The objectives of the study were to describe the hydrology of the valley fill along the north flank of the Little Rocky Mountains and to assess the potential for additional water withdrawals from the valley fill.

## Purpose and Scope

This report describes the results of that study. Specifically, the report describes the hydrology of valley fill in terms of: (1) the geometry of valley-fill aquifers; (2) the flow system within the aquifers including water-level fluctuations, distribution of hydraulic characteristics, and sources of recharge and discharge; and (3) the distribution of water quality in the flow systems. The report also describes the potential for the aquifers to yield water of sufficient quantity and quality for additional irrigation, stock, and domestic use.

# Study Methods

The results of previous geologic (Knechtel, 1944, 1959; Alden, 1952; Alverson, 1965) and hydrologic (Feltis, 1983) studies were compiled to identify conditions in the study area. On the basis of this information, 110 test holes were drilled using mud-rotary methods to determine the distribution and thickness of the valley Four to seven test holes were drilled across the valleys at each of several locations. Observation wells were completed at 66 of the test holes to allow water-level monitoring, aquifer testing, and water-quality sampling; the remaining 44 test holes were back-filled and abandoned. The wells were developed with compressed air and logged with downhole natural-gamma geophysical equipment to define changes in stratigraphy. The altitude of each well was determined by leveling. Fifty-eight of the observation wells were constructed with screened 2in.-diameter polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing, 7 with screened 4-in.-diameter PVC casing, and 1 with 12-in.-diameter stainless-steel screen and steel casing. Each 4-in. well was drilled near the 2-in. well in each test section that showed the greatest potential for aquifer yield, thus permitting aquifer testing with multiple observation wells at each site. One 4-in. well was used as an observation well for

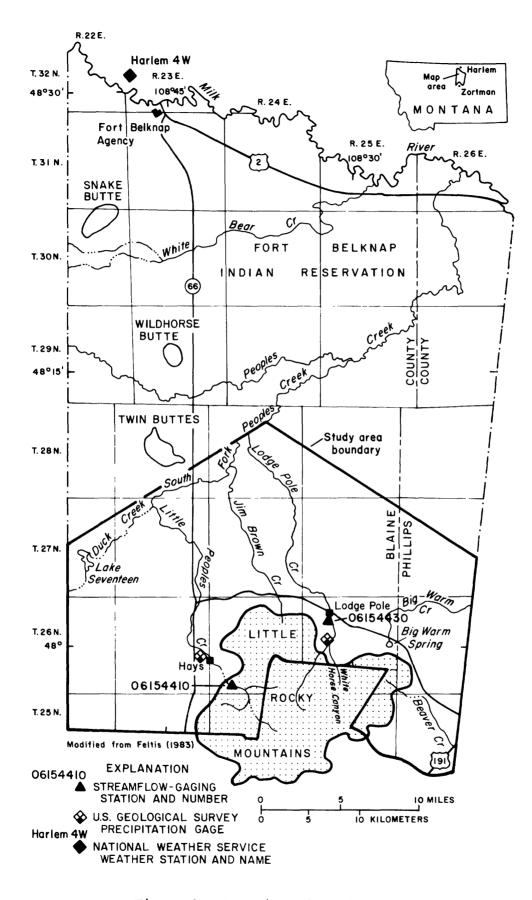


Figure 1.--Location of study area.

a 1,450-minute continuous-discharge aquifer test that was conducted on the 12-in.-diameter well located in Little Peoples Creek valley.

Water levels were measured approximately monthly at 32 wells. In five of the wells, water levels were monitored by continuous recorders.

To estimate a water budget and to determine the relations of recharge and discharge in the aquifer systems, several analyses were performed. The available record for streamflow-gaging stations on Little Peoples and Lodge Pole Creeks was extended using statistical techniques to estimate long-term streamflow in the area. Also, discharge was measured during low-flow conditions on both streams. Satellite photography was used to estimate the areal extent of phreatophytes along the valleys.

Water-quality samples were collected from 67 wells (8 research wells, 48 observation wells, and 11 private wells) and 8 streamflow-measurements sites to supplement data from 15 private wells that had been sampled in 1973. Selected sites were sampled more than once to determine any changes in water quality with time or as a result of sustained pumping. Water samples were analyzed for selected physical properties, dissolved major ions, and dissolved trace elements.

## Site-Identification Systems

A site number is used as the primary identification for wells, test holes, streamflow-measurement sites, and streamflow-gaging stations referred to in this report. For wells, test holes, and streamflow-measurement sites, the site number consists of as many as five characters. The first two characters denote the site type: (B-) U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs research well, (O-) USGS observation well, (P-) private well, (T-) USGS test hole, or (S-), USGS project streamflow-measurement site established for this study. The next one to three characters denote a sequence number assigned to each site within a site type on the basis of its location relative to the southwest corner of the study area. For formal USGS streamflow-gaging stations, the site number consists of eight digits. The complete number, such as 06154410, includes the first two digits, which identify the major drainage basin (herein the Missouri River basin), and the remaining six digits, which identify the station relative to position within the major drainage basin. The six-digit numbers are assigned in downstream order.

A location number is used to identify the location of wells, test holes, streamflow-measurement sites, gaging stations, and other geographic features. The location number is based on the rectangular system for the subdivision of public lands (fig. 2). The number consists of as many as 14 characters and is assigned according to the location of the site within a given township, range, and section. The first three characters specify the township and its position north (N) of the Montana Base Line. The next three characters specify the range and its position east (E) of the Montana Principal Meridian. The next two characters indicate the The next one to four characters indicate the position of the site within section. The first letter denotes the quarter section (160-acre tract); the the section. second, the quarter-quarter section (40-acre tract); the third, the quarterquarter-quarter section (10-acre tract); and the fourth, the quarter-quarter-quarter-quarter-section (2.5-acre tract). The subdivisions of the section are numbered A, B, C, and D in a counterclockwise direction beginning in the northeast quadrant. The last two characters form a sequence number based on the order of inventory in that tract. For example, location number 26N23E12ABAC01 (site 0-17) represents the first well inventoried in the SW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 sec. 12, T. 26 N., R. 23 E.

## Description of Study Area

The study area is located in the southern part of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation north, east, and west of the Little Rocky Mountains in north-central Montana (fig. 1). The area encompasses about  $376~\text{mi}^2$ .

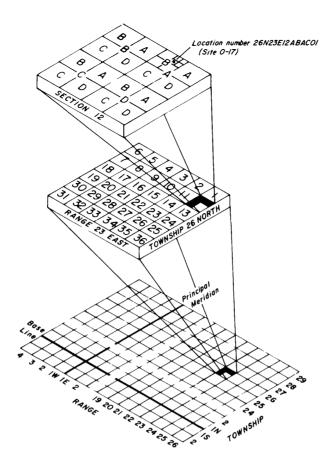


Figure 2.--Location numbering system.

# Physiography and Drainage

Three physiographic units are present in the study area: (1) plains in the northern and central parts, (2) foothills surrounding the Little Rocky Mountains in the southern part, and (3) the Little Rocky Mountains uplift (Alverson, 1965, p. 7). The altitude of the study area ranges from about 2,650 ft where Lodge Pole Creek joins South Fork Peoples Creek to about 5,250 ft in the Little Rocky Mountains. The altitude of the foothills ranges from about 3,400 to 3,700 ft.

Plains extend from the low bluffs overlooking the flood plain of the Milk River south to the foothills of the Little Rocky Mountains, a distance of 20-30 mi. Most of the plains is underlain by glacial deposits, except where present-day streams have eroded into the underlying bedrock. The streams draining the plains meander and have incised their channels several feet beneath the flood plain. Several streams flow in relatively broad, even-banked channels through which glacial melt water drained during the most recent glaciation. Knob-and-kettle topography, which is common in areas affected by continental glaciation, is present on the plains. A terminal moraine from the most recent glaciation is preserved in places along the north flank of the mountains (Alverson, 1965, p. 8-9).

The foothills are defined by flat terraces that are underlain by gravel and that slope gently away from the mountain front. The terraces are best preserved near Hays and Lodge Pole at distinct altitudes: 3,700, 3,650, and 3,400 ft (Alverson, 1965, p. 9). Where the terraces have been dissected by post-glacial erosion, the underlying bedrock is exposed.

The Little Rocky Mountains uplift is composed of a central core of igneous and metamorphic rocks surrounded by sedimentary rocks domed by the intrusion. The intrusive rocks have been eroded into steep-sided ridges and peaks.

Five principal creeks drain the northern flank of the Little Rocky Mountains: Little Peoples, Lodge Pole, Jim Brown, Big Warm, and Beaver Creeks (fig. 1). Little Peoples Creek—the largest of the five—originates on the western slopes of the mountains by the joining of three tributaries. The three tributaries join in the mountains upstream from streamflow—gaging station 06154410, which is located 0.3 mi upstream from the mountain front (location numbers of gaging stations are given in table 12 in the Supplemental Data section at back of report). The creek flows northwestward through a Mississippian—limestone canyon at location 26N24E32BDC, across the mountain front, onto a broad alluvial valley near Hays, and then northward to its junction with South Fork Peoples Creek—13 valley mi downstream. Little Peoples Creek is perennial except for about a 1—mi intermittent section just south of Hays. The slope of Little Peoples Creek is greater than 6 percent in the headwaters area, and gradually decreases to about 0.2 percent near its mouth (fig. 3). The drainage area of the basin upstream from the gaging

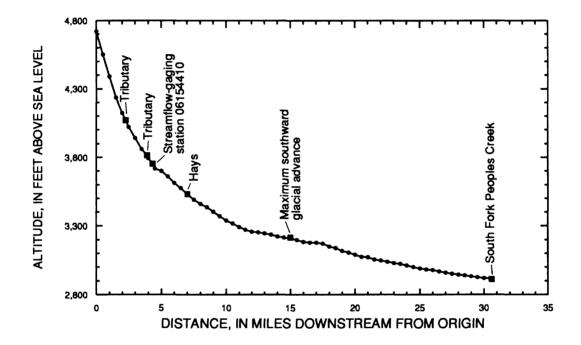


Figure 3.--Profile of channel of Little Peoples Creek.

station is  $13.0~\rm mi^2$ , whereas the area of the basin downstream from the gaging station to the confluence with South Fork Peoples Creek is  $37.2~\rm mi^2$ . The average recorded flow at gaging station 06154410 is  $3,420~\rm acre-ft/yr$  (or about  $4.72~\rm ft^3/s$ ), on the basis of  $16~\rm years$  of record (water years 1972-87).

Lodge Pole Creek originates on the north slopes of the mountains, flows northward past gaging station 06154430 just south of Lodge Pole, and eventually joins South Fork Peoples Creek about 16 mi north of the mountain front. Lodge Pole Creek is perennial except for the intermittent reach from the mountain front to just south of gaging station 06154430. The slope of the creek is greater than 3 percent in the headwaters area and decreases to less than 0.5 percent 4 mi northwest of Lodge Pole (fig. 4). The area of the drainage basin upstream from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A water year is the 12-month period October 1 through September 30. It is designated by the calendar year in which it ends.

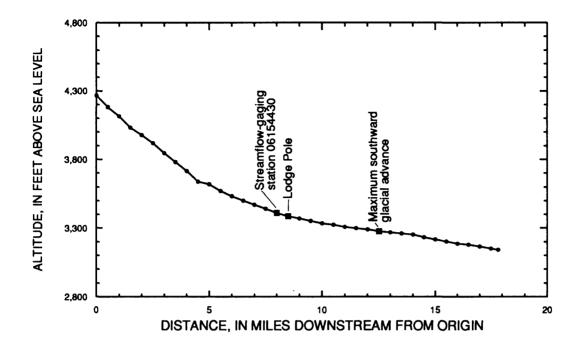


Figure 4.--Profile of channel of Lodge Pole Creek.

the gaging station is  $19.5~\text{mi}^2$ , whereas the area of the basin downstream from the gaging station to the line of maximum southward glacial advance (pl. 1) is  $11.7~\text{mi}^2$ . The recorded flow at gaging station 06154430~for water year 1988~was 585~acre-ft (or about  $0.81~\text{ft}^3/\text{s}$ ).

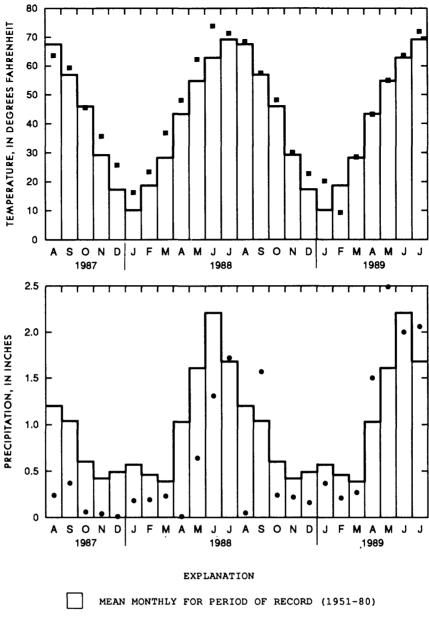
Jim Brown Creek drains about 3 mi<sup>2</sup> of the mountains before flowing through its alluvial valley to join South Fork Peoples Creek--11 mi to the north (fig. 1). The Jim Brown Creek valley is narrow, has been glaciated almost to the mountain front, and has a small drainage area.

Big Warm Creek extends from Big Warm Spring at location 26N25E24BDBC to the eastern boundary of the reservation about 7 mi to the northeast. Within the study area, this valley lacks alluvial deposits along much of its length.

Beaver Creek drains about 7.5 mi<sup>2</sup> of the mountains and extends about 5 mi from the mountain front to the eastern boundary of the reservation. The valley is narrow except for the lower 1 mi, where other small streams coalesce to form an alluvial plain about 1 mi wide. Beaver Creek is perennial in the mountains but loses its flow to infiltration after entering the alluvial valley.

#### Climate

The weather station Harlem 4W, located near the northern end of the reservation and about 30 mi from the study area (fig. 1), has continuously recorded temperature for 52 years and precipitation for 59 years. On the basis of the 1951-80 period of record at that station, the mean annual temperature is 42.0 °F and the mean annual precipitation is 11.70 in. The mean monthly temperature is largest in July (69.2 °F) and smallest in January (10.2 °F). The mean monthly precipitation is largest in June (2.21 in.) and smallest in March (0.39 in.). The relation between long-term mean monthly temperature and precipitation and the monthly mean temperature and total monthly precipitation during the study are shown in figure 5. The period of study was warmer and drier than the recorded 30-year normals for the area near Harlem.



- MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE DURING STUDY
- MONTHLY PRECIPITATION DURING STUDY

Figure 5.—Monthly temperature and precipitation at Harlem for the period of record (1951-80) and for the study period (August 1987-July 1989).

Data from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (1982).

Continuous-record precipitation gages were installed downstream from the headwaters of Little Peoples Creek near Hays at location 26N23E24DDAC, and along Lodge Pole Creek near Lodge Pole at location 26N25E17CDCC (fig. 1). The period of record for these two precipitation gages is August 1987 through July 1989, excluding the winters (November through March). Records of daily precipitation at the gages are shown in figure 6.

Precipitation patterns for the study area have been determined on the basis of the 1941-70 period of record (U.S. Soil Conservation Service, 1977). Average

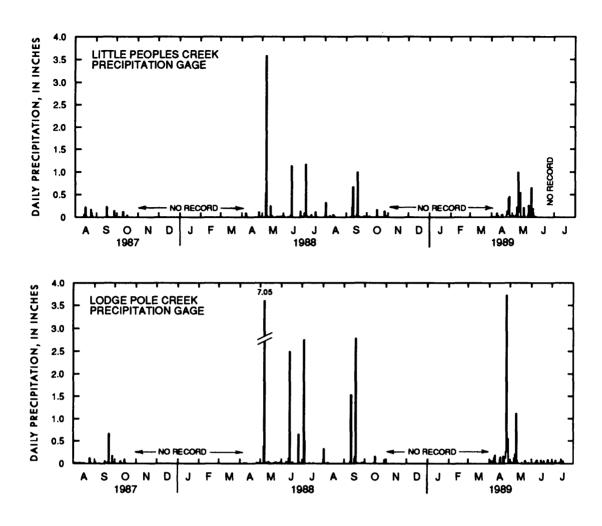


Figure 6.--Daily precipitation at continuous-record gages along Little Peoples and Lodge Pole Creeks.

annual precipitation ranges from about 12 in. at the northern end of the reservation to about 20 in. in the higher altitudes of the Little Rocky Mountains (fig. 7). Average annual precipitation in the foothills is about 16 in.

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The authors wish to thank the Fort Belknap Community Council for their help in obtaining access to tribal land (used in common) and allotted land (owned by individuals) for test-drilling and water-level-monitoring activities. In addition, access to the Forest Fire Yard of the Tribal Forestry Department in Hays greatly aided the logistics of the project. We also wish to thank individual landowners for their cooperation and valuable contribution of historical information regarding the occurrence and use of water resources in the study area.

## GENERAL GEOLOGY

The geology of the study area was most recently interpreted by Alverson (1965). The discussion of geologic history in this report is based principally on that work. The character and extent of valley fill were determined by test drilling as part of this study.

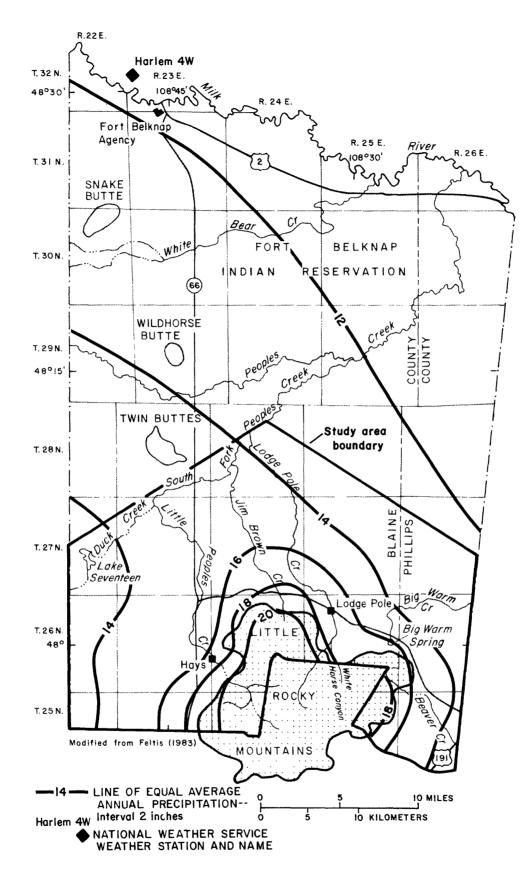


Figure 7.--Average annual precipitation in the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, 1941-70. Data from U.S. Soil Conservation Service (1977).

#### Geologic History

The geologic history of the study area is characterized by alternating periods of marine and fluvial deposition, erosion, and structural uplift. During the Paleozoic Era, deposition on a Precambrian erosional surface resulted in about 3,000 ft of limestone, dolomite, sandstone, and shale. Rocks of Pennsylvanian, Permian, and Triassic age are absent in the area (table 1). During the Jurassic Period, deposition in a shallow, near-shore marine environment resulted in about 500 ft of limestone, calcareous shale, and sandstone.

Deposition during the Cretaceous Period resulted in about 3,500 ft of sandstone, siltstone, and shale. The sequence of formations from the Kootenai Formation upward through the Bearpaw Shale represents alternating terrestrial deposition of sand and silt derived from the west (Kootenai, Eagle, and Judith River Formations) with near-shore marine deposition of clay (Colorado Group and Claggett and Bearpaw Shales).

Early in the Tertiary Period, the dominant structural feature of the study area was created by the intrusion of a syenite-porphyry laccolith under and into the overlying sedimentary strata, thereby forming the Little Rocky Mountains. The resulting domed sedimentary strata dip nearly vertically at the land surface along the mountain front and generally dip away from the center of the intrusion. In the central plains, these sedimentary rocks have dips of 80-100 ft/mi (about 1 degree).

Erosion removed a large part of the domed sedimentary rocks, exposing the igneous and metamorphic core of the Little Rocky Mountains by the end of the Tertiary Period. Detritus from the erosion was transported across extensive terraces surrounding the base of the mountains. Several times during late Tertiary time, and possibly early Pleistocene time, the area was uplifted slightly, and streams eroded the terraces. Between these times of uplift, terrace building resumed at lower levels, and streams deposited sand and gravel in valleys descending from the Little Rocky Mountains.

The continental ice sheet advanced across the plains of the study area at least twice during the Pleistocene Epoch. Although the mountains were not overridden by ice, terraces a few miles north of the mountain front were removed by glacial scour. As the ice receded, detritus was deposited on the hummocky plains as glacial drift. Streams issuing from the mountains have eroded steep-sided channels into the glacial debris.

# Character and Extent of Valley Fill

Valley fill is considered to be the total assemblage of unconsolidated material that overlies bedrock in the topographically definable stream valleys draining the Little Rocky Mountains. The valley fill in the study area consists of cobbles, gravel, sand, silt, and clay and has a wide range in permeability. Specific assemblages of these types of material indicate distinctly different environments of deposition. These distinctions allow grouping the valley fill into three general types: glacial deposits, colluvium, and alluvium.

Glacial deposits underlie the entire project area north of the line of maximum southward glacial advance (pl. 1). These deposits consist of relatively impermeable till and glaciolacustrine clay at the surface and grade to increased quantities of sand and gravel with depth. Localized layers of proglacial silt and clay also occur just south of the line of glacial advance. In the partly buried preglacial drainage valleys, the glacial material commonly has a basal layer of sand and gravel.

Colluvium is present in valleys adjacent to terraces predominantly near the mountains. These deposits characteristically are drilled slowly, produce chatter of the drill string, provide a competent borehole, and do not yield water. Colluvium is distinguished in drill cuttings by an abundance of poorly sorted angular rock fragments bound tightly in a reddish-brown sandy-clay matrix, and by the presence of stringers of white clay. The largest rock fragments found in test

# Table 1.--Generalized geologic units and water-yielding properties

[Table modified from Feltis (1983). ft, feet; gal/min, gallons per minute. Symbols identify mapped units on plate 1]

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Erathem	System	Series	For	rmation or group	Approx- imate thick- ness (ft)	General character	Water-yielding properties
		Holocene	f111 (Ovf)	Alluvium	0-90	Unconsolidated cob- bles, gravel, sand, silt, and clay along coulees and stream channels.	A source of water in valleys of perennial streams. Yields 3 to about 500 gal/min to wells. Water quality suitable for most uses near the Little Rocky Mountains but deteriorates downstream.
	Quaternary	Valley f	Colluvium	0-65	Angular gravel in reddish-brown sandy-clay matrix; includes stringers of white clay. Occurs in valleys adjacent to terraces.	Not an aquifer.	
Cenozoic		Pleistocene	G1	Lacial deposits	0-130	Gravel, sand, silt, and clay intermixed. Occurs primarily as till; how- ever, outwash depos- its form localized sand and gravel lenses and beds.	A limited source of water except in outwash deposits. Yields 2 to 10 gal/min to wells. Water quality might be unsuitable for some uses.
			1	Terrace deposits (QTt)	0-60	Unconsolidated to con- solidated gravel; contains sand and silt. Occurs as long, narrow remnants	Might contain small quantities of water suitable for most uses.
						or wide tracts of several square miles around the flank of the Little Rocky Mountains.	
	Tertiary	Pliocene through Paleocene(?)		Intrusive igneous rocks (Tsp)		Syenite porphyry and related rocks forming laccoliths, stocks, dikes, and sills.	Yields 2 to 25 gal/min of water suitable for most uses from fracture springs at Snake Butte, Wildhorse Butte, and Twin Buttes. Some water might be available from fault zones and fractures in the Little Rocky Mountains.
			na Group	Bearpaw Shale (Kb)	500	Dark-gray marine shale; weathers light gray. Contains a few beds of bentonite and sandstone and many thin beds and lenses of cherty material and calcareous nodules.	Not an aquifer.
Mesozoic Creta	Cretaceous	Upper Cretaceous		Judith River Formation (Kjr)	360	Interbedded light-gray to buff, soft, fine- grained sandstone, shale, and clay. A few thin coal beds in upper part.	Yields 2 to 150 gal/min of water to many wells. Water under artesian pressure in some places. Water quality might be unsuitable for some uses.
				Claggett Shale (Kcl)	530	Dark-gray shale and siltstone; weathers to brownish-gray. Contains a few beds of bentonite and beds containing large boulderlike septarian nodules.	Not an aquifer.

Table 1.--Generalized geologic units and water-yielding properties--Continued

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Erathem	System	Series	Fo	rmat:	ion or group	Approx- imate thick- ness (ft)	General character	Water-yielding properties	
		Upper Cretaceous	Montana Group			260	Upper member: Chiefly gray shale with many thin beds of silt-stone, sandy shale, and friable sandstone that weather reddish tan. Virgelle Sandstone Member: Yellow to buff, massive sandstone, gray siltstone, and gray shale.	places. Water quality might be unsuitable for some uses.	
	Cretaceous				rado Group (Kc)	1,740	Dark-gray to bluish- gray shale contain- ing lenticular beds of limestone and cal- careous sandstone.	Shale is nearly imperme- able. The sandstone beds would probably yield water too min- eralized for culinary use.	
Mesozo1 C		Lower Cretaceous			Kootenai Formation	180	Variegated argillaceous member: Clay, mot- tled maroon and gray, with a few thin beds and lenses of vari- able light-gray sand- stone. Lower unit, or Third Cat Creek sandstone of drillers' usage: Largely sandstone, locally friable, light-gray, with a hard, coarse-grained, arkosic sandstone layer at the base and a layer of dense, light-gray limestone at the top.	gal/min of water	
		Upper Jurassic		КЈКе	dno	Swift Formation	210	Light- and dark-gray, gypsiferous shale containing numerous large, brown, cal- careous concretions; layers of glauconi- tic sandstone, sandy mudstone, dark shale, and impure limestone in upper part.	Sandstone and limestone beds yield 2 to 5 gal/ min to wells on the flank of the Little Rocky Mountains. Water quality suitable for most uses.
	Jurassic	Middle Jurassic		Ellis Gro	Rierdon Formation	200	Gray, limy shale and light- to dark-gray marly limestone.	Beds might yield water suitable for culinary use from fractures near the Little Rocky Mountains.	
					Piper Formation Unconformity_	100	Alternating beds of shale, limestone, and calcareous sandstone. A brown, dense limestone, 60-ft thick, occurs at base.	Limestone and sandstone beds might yield water from frac- tures. Water qual- ity is unknown.	
Paleozoic	Missis- sippian	Upper Mississippian Lower Mississippian	PzpGu	Madison Group	Mission Canyon Limestone	220	Mostly massive beds of gray limestone. Some beds are composed almost entirely of bioclastic detritus. Upper part contains solution cavities that range from small vugs to caverns.	Yields water to Big Warm Spring. Might yield large quantities of water to wells from solution channels, faults, and fractures. Discharge at Big Warm Spring ranges from 2,700 to 4,050 gal/min. Water quality probably suitable for irrigation.	

Table 1.--Generalized geologic units and water-yielding properties--Continued

Erathem	System	Series	Fo	ormation or group		Formation or group		Formation or group		Formation or group		Approx- imate thick- ness (ft)	General character	Water-yielding properties
	Missis- sippian	Lower Mississippian		Madison Group	Lodgepole Limestone	540	Mostly thin-bedded, light- to dark-gray limestone; contains many small lenses of chert and thin partings of shale.	Would probably yield water to wells from faults and fractures. Water quality probably suitable for irriga- tion.						
Paleozoic	Devonian, Ordovician and Cambrian		PzpGu	Devonian, Ordovician, and Cambrian rocks undivided  Unconformity		2,410	Mostly limestone and dolomite but contains shale, siltstone, claystone, sandstone, and conglomerate. Includes Jefferson Limestone, Bighorn Limestone, and Flathead Sandstone.	faults and fractures.						
Precar	mbrian			me	Pre-Belt Supergroup tamorphic and intrusive neous rocks		Metasedimentary rocks, mainly biotite, schist and gneiss; metavolcanic rocks, mainly hornblende gneiss and amphibo- lite; younger pre- Belt Supergroup (?) ferromagnesium rocks form a few dikes and sills.	Would probably yield water to wells from faults and fractures in the Little Rocky Mountains. Water quality is unknown.						

holes were about 2.5 in. diameter and very angular at sites near the mountain front, grading to about 0.5 in. diameter and subangular at distant locations. The stringers of white clay are possibly the result of alteration of feldspar or reworked bentonite from the source area of the colluvial material.

Drilling and lithologic characteristics were almost identical between colluvium and terrace deposits near the mountains. Considering similarities in test holes and the topographic relation of these deposits, the colluvium most probably results from the mass movement of terrace material and underlying shale from the highlands onto the adjacent valley floor. On the basis of several occurrences of colluvium overlying loose sand and gravel in the valley-fill sequence, the colluvium was assigned a Quaternary age.

Alluvium is present in sequences as much as 90 ft thick (Feltis, 1983) near the mountain front and as thin, lenticular deposits in recent stream channels throughout the study area. Near the mountain source, alluvium consists of cobbles, gravel, sand, silt, and clay deposited in valleys eroded into the Jurassic and Cretaceous bedrock. Alluvium both underlies and overlies the colluvium. With increasing distance from the sediment source, the alluvium becomes finer grained and consists predominantly of reworked glacial sediments. Sand and gravel underlying glacial sediments may represent buried preglacial alluvium.

## HYDROLOGY OF VALLEY FILL

Various types of data pertaining to the valley fill were collected. Water-yielding properties of geologic units are identified in table 1. Records and selected lithologic logs of wells and test holes are given in tables 13-15; all lithologic logs are compiled in a companion report by Briar and Christensen (1993).

Records of water levels in monitoring wells are given in table 16. The results of chemical analysis of water samples collected during this and previous studies are given in tables 17 and 18. Drinking-water regulations for public supply are given in table 19. Tables 13-19 are in the Supplemental Data section at back of the report. The location of generalized geologic sections, wells, and test holes is shown on plates 1 and 2.

#### Little Peoples Creek Valley

Little Peoples Creek valley is underlain mostly by shale of Cretaceous and Jurassic age. The valley crosses the permeable Eagle Sandstone at location 26N23E14D and numerous localized sandstone sequences of the Judith River Formation. Hydraulic connection between the sandstone and the valley fill is implied but not quantified by this report.

Valley fill along Little Peoples Creek, south of the line of glacial advance (fig. 8), is topographically distinct, ranges in width from 0.25 to 1 mi, and is as much as 78 ft thick (well O-2). Topography of the preglacial valley in the northern part of the study area is masked by varying thicknesses of till, which makes estimating the lateral extent of valley fill difficult. The maximum thickness of alluvium and glacial deposits penetrated during drilling along Little Peoples Creek is 145 ft at well O-34 (table 15).

## Aquifer Geometry

The principal aquifer in Little Peoples Creek valley is layered sand and gravel that are common in the lower part of the valley-fill sequence. Considering the ease of drilling, tendency of the drill hole to cave, loss of drilling fluids, degree of rounding of gravel, and lack of clay matrix, the sand and gravel of this aquifer are believed to have resulted primarily from fluvial cut-and-fill depositional processes. The geometry of these deposits can best be envisioned as a vertical sequence of sinuous braided channels, lenticular in cross section, which aggraded valleys formerly eroded into Cretaceous and Jurassic bedrock.

Lateral continuity of individual sand and gravel deposits that have been formed in a channel cut-and-fill depositional environment is difficult to determine. For example, drilling at well 0-6 (fig. 8) indicated a single 40-ft thickness of gravel overlying 15 ft of colluvium (table 15). However, drilling at wells 0-8 and 0-9 (190 ft to the southeast and directly upgradient along the axis of the valley) indicated three distinct gravel layers 3, 18, and 6 ft thick that are separated by layers of hard clay with no underlying colluvium. Even with the uncertainty in determining lateral continuity, the geometry of the valley-fill aquifer in Little Peoples Creek valley can be generalized. First, in the unglaciated part of the drainage, drilling data indicate that the aggregate thickness of sand and gravel is about 20 ft in the center of the valley and remains relatively constant along its In the glaciated part, aguifer thickness is less constant, and sand and gravel layers could be discontinuous locally owing to glacial scouring. because the sand and gravel layers commonly occur in the lower part of the valleyfill sequence, their lateral extent in the unglaciated part of the drainage is only about one-half the width of the valley. In the glaciated part, thick deposits of till mask the preglacial valley.

## Water-Level Fluctuations

Water levels were measured approximately monthly in 16 observation wells along Little Peoples Creek (table 16); of these, continuous recorders were operated on wells 0-9, 0-22, and 0-33. Hydrographs of water levels (fig. 9) display two trends according to well location along the drainage. The trends likely are the result of the degree of hydraulic confinement and source of recharge to the aquifer in the two areas.

In the unglaciated part of the drainage (represented by well 0-9), ground-water levels respond quickly to increased flow in Little Peoples Creek. Well 0-9 is

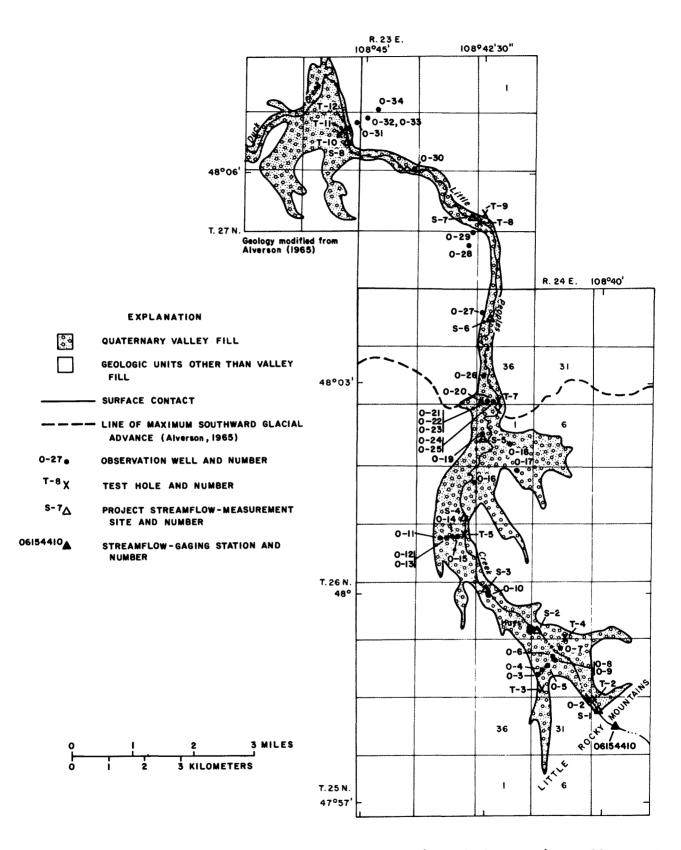


Figure 8.--Surface extent of valley fill and location of observation wells, test holes, streamflow-measurement sites, and streamflow-gaging stations along Little Peoples Creek.

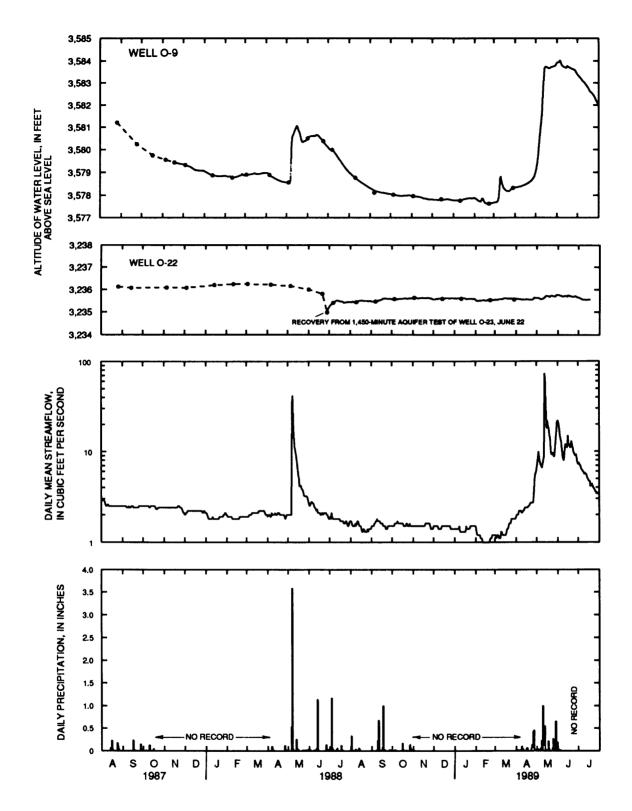


Figure 9.—Relation of water levels in selected wells to streamflow at gaging station 06154410 and precipitation at a continuous-record gage along Little Peoples Creek. Continuous water-level recorders were maintained on wells O-9 and O-22.

completed in gravels that are hydraulically connected to Little Peoples Creek. Evidence for hydraulic connection is the infiltration and disappearance of flow of Little Peoples Creek (about 2  ${\rm ft}^3/{\rm s}$ ) into the alluvium 0.5 mi upstream (southeast) from well 0-9 and the reemergence of approximately the same discharge about 0.5 mi downstream from well 0-9.

In contrast, hydrographs of water levels in the glaciated part of the drainage (represented by well 0-22) display little response to changes in streamflow. Well 0-22, which is near the line of glacial advance, is completed in sand and gravel that are hydraulically confined by proglacial clay. Therefore, the ground water is isolated from surface flow in Little Peoples Creek and overland runoff. This confined aquifer receives water primarily by lateral flow from the upgradient unconfined aquifer. Presumably, the greater saturated thickness of the southern unconfined aquifer can transmit more water than the lesser saturated thickness of the northern confined aquifer can accept. Therefore, during periods of increased recharge to the unconfined aquifer, some water moving through the valley fill flows upward to the land surface near the boundary between the unconfined (unglaciated) and confined (glaciated) aquifers and discharges to Little Peoples Creek.

## Hydraulic Characteristics

Constant-discharge aquifer tests were conducted on four wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer of Little Peoples Creek. Water levels in observation wells were monitored during the tests and the time-versus-drawdown data were analyzed using standard curve-matching and straight-line-solution techniques (Lohman, 1972). The resulting transmissivity, hydraulic-conductivity, and storage-coefficient data are summarized in table 2.

Two significant trends are apparent from the data. First, transmissivity and hydraulic-conductivity estimates decrease with distance from the mountain front. This relation is consistent with drilling data, which indicate a general decrease in particle size of aquifer material with distance downgradient. Second, the storage-coefficient estimates for wells O-9 and O-13 are inconsistent with the previously discussed degree of hydraulic confinement of the unglaciated and glaciated parts of the valley-fill aquifer.

The storage-coefficient estimates at wells 0-9 and 0-13 are anomalously small given the unconfined nature of the aquifer, as demonstrated by the hydraulic connection with Little Peoples Creek near the wells. The drawdown data for observation well 0-8, which is 11 ft north of well 0-9, indicate an almost immediate response of 1.11 ft at 0.83 min, then a slowed response of 1.40 ft after 240 min. Similarly, the drawdown data for well 0-12, which is 16 ft north of well 0-13, indicate a response of 1.18 ft at 0.17 min, then a slowed response of 2.44 ft at 240 min. This response in wells 0-8 and 0-12 would be consistent with a condition in which both wells were completed in an aquifer having a localized, discontinuous confining unit. If a localized, discontinuous confining unit is creating the observed aquifer-test response in wells 0-8 and 0-12, the transmissivity values reported in table 2 would be anomalously large.

## Recharge and Discharge

For purposes of describing recharge and discharge, the Little Peoples Creek drainage basin was divided into two sub-basins according to degree of hydraulic confinement of the valley-fill aquifer. The south basin consists of the drainage area downgradient from the Mississippian-limestone canyon southeast of Hays to the unconfined aquifer-confined aquifer boundary. Thus, the south basin extends from the Mississippian-limestone canyon southeast of Hays to surface-water measurement site S-5, about 0.5 mi south of the line of glacial advance. The adjacent north basin consists of the drainage area downgradient from the unconfined aquiferconfined aquifer boundary. Therefore, the north basin extends from the north boundary of the south basin to approximately the north boundary of the study area.

Table 2.--Results of aquifer tests in the valley-fill aquifer of Little Peoples Creek

[Valley mile is approximate distance downstream from beginning of valley fill. Abbreviations: ft, feet; ft/d, feet per day; ft²/d, feet squared per day; gal/min, gallons per minute; min, minutes]

						Calcula	ted value	es		
Pumped well num- ber	Valley mile	Dis- charge (gal/ min)	e Date of test	Length of test (min)	Trans- missi- vity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Aver- age aqui- fer thick- ness (ft)	Hydrau- lic conduc- tivity (ft/d)	Storage coef- ficient	Ob- ser- va- tion well num- ber	Total draw- down (ft)
0-9	1.4	60	06-24-88	240	10,000	21	480	0.00001	0-5 0-6 0-7 0-8	0 0.09 0 1.40
0-13	4.0	70	06-28-88	240	6,000	20	300	.000005	O-11 O-12 O-14	0 2.44 0
0-23	6.3	270	06-22-88	1,450	3,800	15	250	.0002	O-20 O-21 O-22 O-24 O-25	5.90 13.10 13.30 8.34
0-33	12.3	66	09-11-87	240	3,700	20	180	.00007	0-31 0-32 0-34	1.11 3.68 0

## South basin

Recharge to and discharge from the valley-fill aquifer in the south basin of Little Peoples Creek can be summarized with a mass-balance equation as follows:

$$SWi + BRGWi + R + P = SWo + VFGWo + ET$$
 (1)

where

BRGWi = Leakage from bedrock;

R = Infiltration of ephemeral runoff from the drainage area;

P = Infiltration of precipitation that falls directly on the valley fill;

SWo = Outflow from the basin by Little Peoples Creek; an
 unquantified major part of this water leaks upward
 from the aquifer;

ET = Evapotranspiration by phreatophytes along Little Peoples Creek.

The first four variables of equation 1 represent recharge to the aquifer; the remaining variables represent discharge from the aquifer.

Infiltration of water from Little Peoples Creek is a principal source of recharge to the aquifer upgradient from Hays. Except during relatively short periods of large discharge, the stream infiltrates and disappears into the alluvium 1 mi southeast of Hays, subsequently reemerging behind the post office near the southeastern part of town. The percentage of streamflow that infiltrates to the aquifer is a function of the permeability and the area of the streambed, which remain relatively constant, and the rate of streamflow and the available storage of the aquifer, which are extremely variable. For example, the daily mean flow of 42 ft $^3$ /s on May 5, 1988 (fig. 9), did not result in surface flow along the normally dry section of the streambed south of Hays. However, the relatively sustained flow of about 10 ft $^3$ /s in May and June 1989 was sufficient to essentially fill the aquifer and result in surface flow along the entire length of Little Peoples Creek. Because the percentage of streamflow that infiltrates the aquifer could not be precisely quantified, total surface-water inflow to (SWi) and outflow from (SWo) the south basin were used in equation 1.

To better estimate the long-term potential for surface-water recharge to the aquifer, the 16-year streamflow record for gaging station 06154410 on Little Peoples Creek was extended to a 1937-86 base period using a method of statistical correlation (Alley and Burns, 1983) and records at nearby gaged sites. Estimated mean monthly flow at the gaging station for the 50-year base period is given in line 1 of table 3. On the basis of these estimates, the long-term mean annual flow of Little Peoples Creek at the gaging station is 2,960 acre-ft/yr.

Table 3.--Estimated mean monthly and mean annual streamflow of Little Peoples Creek, water years 1937-86

										Mean annual stream- flow, in				
Vari- able	De- scrip- tion	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	feet per year
SWi	Inflow <sup>1</sup> to south basin	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.5	4.8	12.0	8.8	4.5	3.0	2.6	2,960
	Addi- tions within south basin	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.9	5.5	13.8	10.1	5.2	3.4	3.0	3,400
SWo	Outflow from south basin	5.2	4.7	4.9	4.3	3.9	5.4	10.3	25.8	18.9	9.7	6.4	5.6	6,360

<sup>1</sup> Determined at streamflow-gaging station 06154410.

Water entering the aquifer through leakage from bedrock (BRGWi) was not measured directly, but its existence is implied by: (1) a hydraulic gradient from bedrock into the valley fill determined by measurement of water levels in bedrock wells P-2, P-3, P-7, P-9, P-15, P-50, P-64, P-76, and P-91; (2) an increase in stream discharge with increasing distance from the mountain source; and (3) an increase in dissolved-solids concentration in the aquifer and the stream with distance from the mountain front, which might indicate mixing with water from a deeper, more mineralized flow system. However, the increase in dissolved-solids concentration also might be due to reaction of aquifer water with aquifer material or to the concentrating effect of evapotranspiration on dissolved constituents.

A low-flow investigation of Little Peoples Creek on October 19, 1987, was hindered by a lack of good gaging sites but was sufficiently accurate to indicate an increase in streamflow along the length of the south basin. Climatic conditions for the low-flow investigation were good and the approximate increase of more than 2 ft<sup>3</sup>/s in streamflow (table 4) is interpreted to result entirely from upward leakage of water from the valley-fill aguifer.

Outflow from the valley-fill aquifer to the stream is derived from two sources—a decrease in aquifer storage in response to the seasonal decrease in hydraulic head, and leakage from bedrock. The daily mean change in aquifer storage between September 24 and November 5, 1987 (period of 42 days), was calculated from: change in hydraulic head (mean of 0.0127 ft/d) in wells 0-2, 0-9, 0-10, 0-13, and 0-16 (table 16); areal extent of the unconfined part of the valley-fill aquifer of 47,500,000 ft²; and estimated specific yield of 0.15. Estimated daily mean change in aquifer storage accounts for about 1.0 ft³/s or one-half the 2 ft³/s increase in streamflow; therefore, leakage from bedrock is estimated to be a relatively constant 1 ft³/s or about 724 acre-ft/yr.

Table 4.--Results of low-flow measurements of Little Peoples Creek, October 19, 1987

[Valley mile is approximate distance downstream from beginning of valley fill. Abbreviations: ft<sup>3</sup>/s, cubic feet per second; (ft<sup>3</sup>/s)/mi, cubic feet per second per mile. Symbol: --, not applicable]

Site number (fig. 8)	Valley mile	Discharge (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Change in dis- charge per mile [(ft <sup>3</sup> /s)/mi)]	Estimated measurement error (percent)
06154410	-0.3	2.37		5-8
		South 1	oasin	
S-1 S-2 S-3 S-4 S-5	.1 1.8 2.8 4.0 5.8	1.74 1.73 3.25 3.31 4.51	-1.05 01 +1.52 + .05 + .67	8 5-8 5 8 5
		North 1	pasin	
S-6 S-7 S-8	7.7 9.5 12.3	5.04 4.30 4.64	+ .27 41 + .12	8 5-8 More than 8

Infiltration of ephemeral runoff from the surrounding drainage area (R) also recharges the aquifer. Recharge from runoff can occur as a result of rainfall or snowmelt. For example, the increase in water level in well 0-9 during March 1989 (fig. 9) does not correlate with any significant change in streamflow in Little Peoples Creek. This increase most probably was produced by melting of low-altitude snowpack and subsequent recharge to the aquifer. The drainage area of the south basin, excluding the surface extent of valley fill, is 11.8 mi² and the long-term mean annual precipitation is 16 in. (fig. 7). However, the percentage of precipitation that runs off is unknown. Assuming a runoff rate of 15 percent, runoff recharge to the valley-fill aquifer in the south basin is about 1,510 acreft/yr.

Part of the precipitation that falls directly on valley fill infiltrates the aquifer (P). The surface extent of valley fill is about 4.7 mi², and the long-term mean annual precipitation is about 16 in. (fig. 7). The U.S. Soil Conservation Service (no date) estimates that near the study area the effective annual precipitation for alfalfa is about 53 percent, which indicates the percentage of total precipitation that is available to the root zone of plants during the growing season. Thus, 47 percent of average total precipitation is not available to plants. Assuming that this quantity is equally divided between evaporation and percolation below the root zone to the ground-water system, about 3.8 in/yr of water, on average, directly recharges the aquifer. By this method, average total precipitation recharge in the south basin is about 953 acre-ft/yr.

Outflow from the basin by Little Peoples Creek (SWo) was estimated by multiplying the long-term mean annual streamflow at gaging station 06154410 (2,960 acre-ft/yr) by a drainage-area-ratio adjustment factor to account for the down-stream ungaged south basin (Omang and others, 1986, p. 23). The drainage-area-ratio adjustment factor (DAR) can be expressed as:

$$DAR = (DAm / DAq)^{X}$$
 (2)

where

X = Exponent to account for the fact that runoff per square mile of drainage area is less for larger drainage areas that have proportionately less mountain runoff than for smaller drainage areas that have proportionately more mountain runoff.

The drainage area of the south basin downstream from the gaging station (DAm) is 16.5 mi<sup>2</sup> and the drainage area upstream (DAg) is 13.0 mi<sup>2</sup>. To estimate X, long-term mean annual streamflows (base period water years 1937-86) previously determined for four gaging stations in and near the study area (Parrett and Johnson, 1989, p. 22) were plotted against drainage area on a log-log scale (fig. 10). The manual line of best fit through the four points has a slope of 0.58, which is considered to be a reasonable estimate for X in equation 2. Applying a DAR of 1.148 to mean annual flow at the gaging station gives an estimated mean annual flow contributed by the ungaged south basin of 3,400 acre-ft/yr. Therefore, the total surface-water outflow from the south basin is about 6,360 acre-ft/yr (table 3).

Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the south basin (VFGWo) was determined by Darcy's equation. On the basis of estimated cross-sectional area (16,000  $\rm ft^2$ ), hydraulic gradient between wells 0-19 and 0-23 (0.0075  $\rm ft/ft$ ), and hydraulic conductivity of the aquifer near the boundary determined by aquifer testing (250  $\rm ft/d$ ), the flow is estimated to be about 251 acre-ft/yr.

Determining the quantity of water discharged from the aquifer by evapotranspiration (ET) necessitated knowing the areal extent of phreatophytes. The Denver Geographical Information System Office of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs estimated the areal extent of phreatophytes along Little Peoples Creek by digital analysis of satellite images. The area of phreatophytes for the south basin was

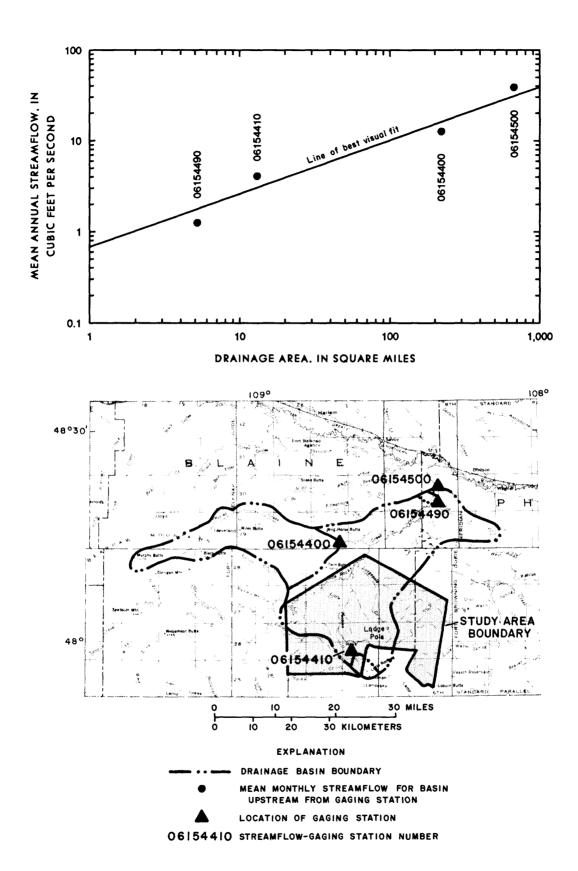


Figure 10.--Relation of drainage area to mean monthly streamflow for gaged basins near Little Peoples Creek, water years 1937-86.

129 acres. Consumptive use of the phreatophytes was assumed to be equivalent to the consumptive use of alfalfa (26.11 in/yr or 2.18 acre-ft/yr per acre), as calculated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (1974). The estimated depletion due to evapotranspiration by phreatophytes along Little Peoples Creek is about 281 acre-ft/yr; the depletion by month is given in table 5.

Table 5.--Monthly evapotranspiration depletion along the south basin of Little Peoples Creek

			Depletion,	in acre-	feet		
Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total (rounded)
0.7	39.7	61.3	80.8	66.1	31.5	0.8	281

Recharge to and discharge from the valley-fill aquifer in the south basin of Little Peoples Creek are summarized in table 6. Given that the south basin is hydraulically connected to the surface hydrologic processes of streamflow, precipitation, ephemeral runoff, and evapotranspiration, and given that streamflow entering the basin is approximately known, values in table 6 are probably reasonable estimates for recharge to and discharge from the south basin. The difference between total recharge and total discharge in table 6 is a result of estimation error, not a change in aquifer storage.

# North basin

Recharge to and discharge from the confined aquifer in the north basin of Little Peoples Creek can be summarized as follows:

$$VFGWi + BRGWi = VFGWo$$
 (3)

where

VFGWi = Inflow from the valley fill of south basin,

BRGWi = Leakage from bedrock, and

The principal source of recharge to the aquifer in the north basin (VFGWi) is outflow from the valley-fill aquifer of the adjacent south basin (VFGWo). This recharge is estimated to be about 251 acre-ft/yr.

Leakage of water from bedrock (BRGWi) was not measured directly, but is implied by the existence of a hydraulic gradient from bedrock into the valley fill measured in bedrock wells and an increase in dissolved-solids concentrations downgradient in the basin. Because of the hydraulic confinement of the aquifer in the north basin, leakage from bedrock to Little Peoples Creek could not be detected by the low-flow investigation conducted in October 1987 as it was in the south basin. Therefore, BRGWi was not estimated.

Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the basin is the principal source of discharge. On the basis of estimated cross-sectional area  $(36,000~{\rm ft}^2)$ , hydraulic gradient  $(0.005~{\rm ft/ft})$ , and hydraulic conductivity of the aquifer near this boundary  $(180~{\rm ft/d})$ , ground-water discharge is estimated to be

Table 6.--Summary of estimated recharge to and discharge from the south and north basins of Little Peoples Creek

Variable	Description	Acre-feet per year
	South basin	
Recharge		
SWi	Inflow to the basin from Little Peoples Creek; based on extended streamflow record at gaging station 06154410	2,960
BRGWi	Leakage from bedrock; inferred from low-flow investigation	724
R	Infiltration of ephemeral runoff from the drainage area	1,510
P	Infiltration of precipitation that falls directly on the valley fill	953
Total in (rounded)		6,150
Discharge		
SWo	Outflow from the basin by Little Peoples Creek; based on estimated streamflow at boundary from basin-comparison analysis	6,360
VFG <b>W</b> o	Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the basin; based on Darcy's equation	251
ET	Evapotranspiration; based on satellite analysis of phreato- phytes along Little Peoples Creek	281
Total out (rounded)		6,890
	North basin	
Recharge		
VFGWi	Inflow from the valley fill of south basin	251
BRGWi	Leakage from bedrock; not estimated	?
Total in		251+
Discharge		
VFGWo	Outflow through valley fill at the north boundary of study area; based on Darcy's equation (imprecise estimate)	271
Total out		271

about 271 acre-ft/yr. Because these parameters are imprecisely known, the value given is at best an approximation of the flow. Recharge and discharge from the aquifer in the north basin of Little Peoples Creek are summarized in table 6. The difference between total recharge and total discharge in table 6 is a result of unknown values or estimation error, not a change in aquifer storage.

# Water Quality

Water samples for chemical analysis were collected from 24 wells and 4 streamflow sites in 1987 and from 20 wells in 1988 in the Little Peoples Creek valley (tables 17 and 18). Samples were collected according to guidelines described by Knapton (1985).

Water-quality diagrams for major ions and dissolved-solids data for selected wells are shown in figure 11. Water in wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer near the mountain front is a calcium bicarbonate type with a dissolved-solids concentration as small as 282 mg/L, whereas water in wells completed in the central part of the aquifer farther downgradient is a sodium sulfate type with a dissolved-solids concentration as large as 1,380 mg/L (examples of anomalously large concentrations at wells 0-17, 0-18, and 0-25 are described later). The trend of increasing dissolved-solids concentration with distance from the mountain front probably results from one or more of the following processes: (1) leakage from bedrock, (2) dissolution of minerals within the aquifer, and (3) evapotranspiration.

Water in bedrock generally has larger concentrations of sodium, magnesium, and sulfate than water in the overlying valley-fill aquifer (Feltis, 1983, p. 8). The quantity and quality of surface water recharging the valley-fill aquifer at the upgradient end are relatively constant. The quantity of inflow of water from bedrock is directly proportional to the contact area between the aquifer and the underlying lenses of permeable sandstone. Therefore, the percentage of total ground-water flow that is derived from bedrock increases with distance along the flow path.

Because the valley-fill aquifer is composed primarily of material locally eroded from bedrock, dissolution of minerals that occur in the bedrock flow system also can occur in the valley-fill aquifer. The resulting water quality is also similar.

Evapotranspiration removes unmineralized water from the aquifer, thereby concentrating the mineral content of the remaining water. Evapotranspiration accounts for part of the discharge from the aquifer in the south basin. Discharge by evapotranspiration from thin, shallow gravel layers is probably responsible for the anomalously large dissolved-solids concentrations observed in water samples from wells O-17 (11,500 mg/L, the largest concentration determined in this study), O-18 (5,510 mg/L), and O-25 (2,380 mg/L) (table 19). The effects of evapotranspiration are cumulative.

The large difference in water quality at some well sites along the western edge of the valley (fig. 11) is significant. Wells 0-20, 0-22, and 0-24 have a range of dissolved-solids concentration from 464 mg/L at the easternmost well (0-24) to 1,100 mg/L at the westernmost well (0-20). The situation is nearly identical at wells 0-11, 0-13, and 0-14, which are about 2.3 mi to the south. Water samples from these wells indicate that the increase in dissolved-solids concentrations is the result of increased concentrations of sodium, magnesium, and sulfate--a chemistry that is characteristic of water from sandstone of the underlying Judith River Formation (Feltis, 1983, p. 8). This anomalous water quality is probably representative of areas where a significant percentage of flow to the well is derived from bedrock.

The suitability of water for irrigation is judged principally by the total concentration of soluble salts and the relative proportion of sodium to other cations. Large concentrations of soluble salts (salinity hazard) can interfere with plant growth by inhibiting the uptake of water and nutrients. Large concentrations of sodium relative to other cations, as measured by the sodium-

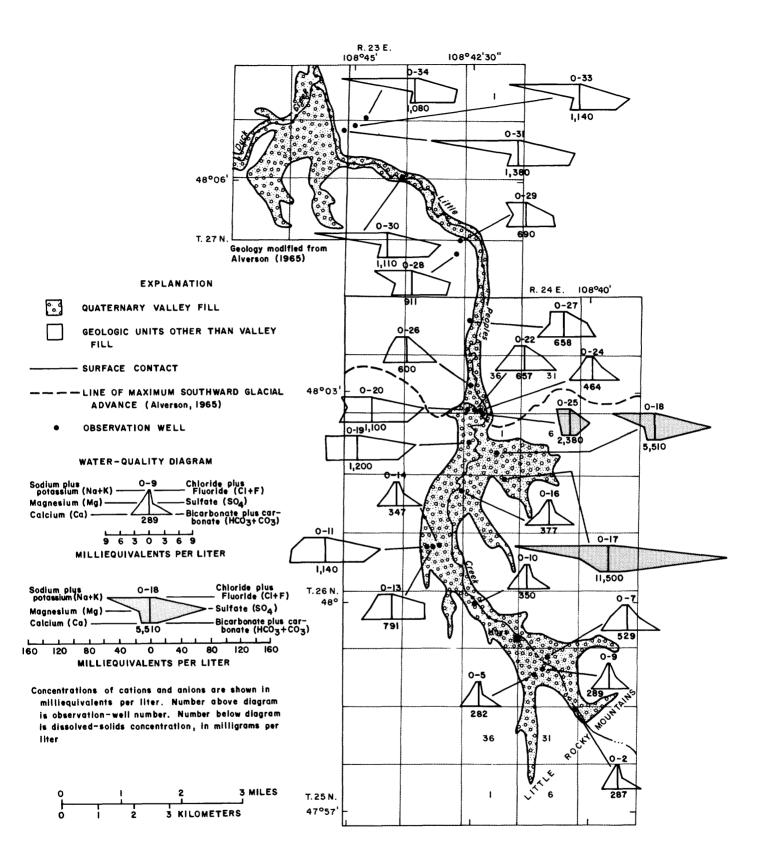


Figure 11.--Water-quality diagrams for water samples from selected observation wells along Little Peoples Creek.

adsorption ratio (U.S. Salinity Laboratory Staff, 1954, p. 72), can cause accumulations of sodium in the soil and a breakdown of granular soil structure. The sodium-adsorption ratio (SAR) is defined as:

$$SAR = \sqrt{\frac{Ca^{2+} + Mg^{2+}}{2}}$$
 (4)

where ion concentrations are expressed in milliequivalents per liter. The effect of the SAR (sodium hazard) is more pronounced in the presence of large concentrations of total soluble salts. A diagram for classifying water with respect to salinity and sodium hazards is presented in figure 12.

Water-quality samples from Little Peoples Creek valley (table 17) indicate that water from most wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer north of well O-13 has a high salinity hazard. High salinity water cannot be used without adverse effects on soils that have restricted drainage; use of this water may require special salinity control and selection of salt-tolerant crops even on soils having adequate drainage (U.S. Salinity Laboratory Staff, 1954, p. 81). Water from wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer north of well O-29 has a high sodium hazard. High sodium water may produce harmful accummulations of sodium in the soil and will require special soil management--good drainage, extensive leaching, and additions of organic matter (U.S. Salinity Laboratory Staff, 1954, p. 81). Water in wells O-17 and O-18 has very high salinity and sodium hazards. Wells O-17 and O-18 are completed in shallow gravel lenses of a tributary basin where evapotranspiration greatly increases the concentration of soluble salts in the water.

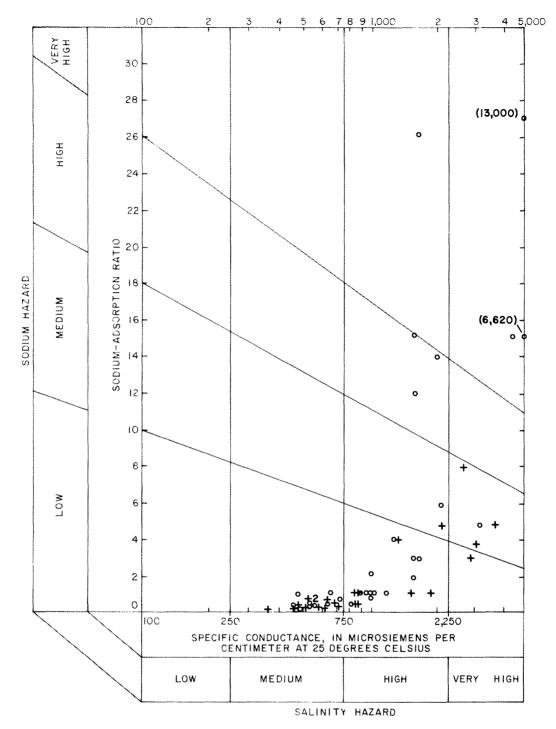
The suitability of water for public drinking-water supply is established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Primary and Secondary Drinking-Water Regulations (table 19). National Primary Drinking-Water Regulations are established for contaminants, which, if present in drinking water, may cause adverse human health effects. Either a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) or a treatment technique is specified by these regulations for regulated contaminants. MCL's are health-based and enforceable (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1991a). National Secondary Drinking-Water Regulations are established for contaminants that can adversely affect the odor or appearance of water and result in discontinuation of use of the water. These regulations specify Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCL's), which are esthetically based and nonenforceable (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1991b).

Analyses of water samples from 25 observation wells and 10 private wells that are completed in valley fill along Little Peoples Creek are given in tables 17 and 18. Of these 35 wells, 3 have water with a cadmium concentration larger than the MCL of 5  $\mu$ g/L and 3 have water with the concentrations equal to the MCL. Twenty-six wells have water with a dissolved-solids concentration larger than the SMCL of 500 mg/L; 20 have water with a sulfate concentration larger than the SMCL of 250 mg/L; 6 have water with an iron concentration as large or larger than the SMCL of 300  $\mu$ g/L; and 14 have water with a manganese concentration larger than the SMCL at 50  $\mu$ g/L.

# Lodge Pole Creek Valley

Lodge Pole Creek valley extends from the Mississippian-limestone canyon where Lodge Pole Creek exits the Little Rocky Mountains at location 26N25E20BCB northward about 16 mi to its confluence with South Fork Peoples Creek. The Lodge Pole Creek valley is underlain mostly by shale of Cretaceous and Jurassic age. The valley crosses permeable Eagle Sandstone at location 26N25E08B and numerous localized sandstone sequences of the Judith River Formation in the north part of the study area.

Valley fill along Lodge Pole Creek is topographically well defined south of the line of glacial advance (fig. 13), ranges in width from 0.01 to 1.0 mi, and is as



## **EXPLANATION**

- O DATA FOR WELL ALONG LITTLE PEOPLES CREEK
- + DATA FOR WELL ALONG LODGE POLE CREEK
- 2 NUMBER, WHERE PRESENT, INDICATES MORE THAN ONE DATA VALUE AT SAME LOCATION

Figure 12.--Diagram for determining salinity and sodium hazards of water used for irrigation (modified from U.S. Salinity Laboratory Staff, 1954, p. 80).

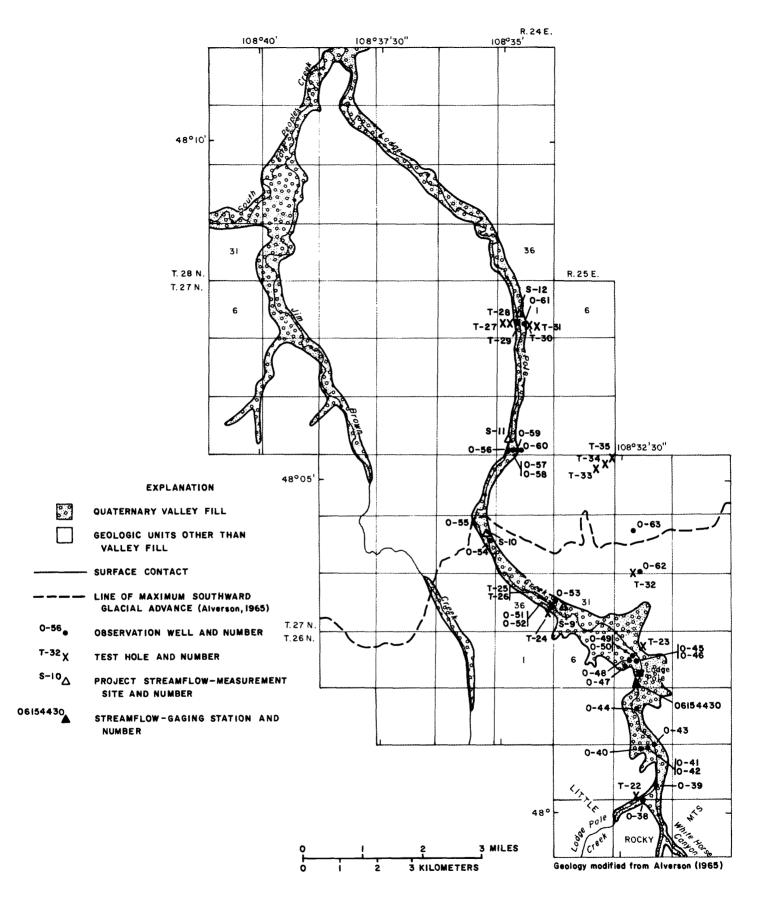


Figure 13.--Surface extent of valley fill and location of observation wells, test holes, streamflow-measurement sites, and streamflow-gaging stations along Lodge Pole Creek.

much as 89 ft thick (well O-53). Topography of the preglacial valley in the northern part of the study area is masked by varying thicknesses of till and glaciofluvial sediments, which makes estimating the lateral extent of valley fill difficult.

#### Aquifer Geometry

The principal aquifer in the Lodge Pole Creek valley is layered sand and gravel that occur at several levels in the valley-fill sequence. As along Little Peoples Creek valley, these sand and gravel deposits probably result from fluvial cut-and-fill depositional processes. The resulting deposit is a vertical sequence of sinuous braided channels, lenticular in cross section, which aggraded valleys eroded into Cretaceous and Jurassic bedrock.

Sand and gravel layers beneath Lodge Pole Creek valley are more randomly distributed and discontinuous than those in Little Peoples Creek valley. For example, well 0-41 (fig. 13) penetrated two layers of loose gravel: one 13 ft thick (at depths of 8-21 ft) and one 6 ft thick (at 49-55 ft). In contrast, well 0-42, only 10 ft to the east, penetrated four layers of gravel: two 1 ft thick (at depths of 10-11 ft and 22-23 ft), one 2 ft thick (at 25-27 ft), and one 19 ft thick (35-54 ft) (table 15).

The degree of hydraulic connection between sand and gravel layers can be inferred at several locations in the valley. Both observation-well pairs O-49/O-50 and O-51/O-52 (table 13) indicate that a lower sand and gravel layer has a higher hydraulic head than an upper layer, which implies limited hydraulic connection of the layers near the sites. Limited hydraulic connection also is indicated by the hydrographs of wells O-51, O-52, and O-53 (table 16), which show dissimilar water-level fluctuations even though all three wells are located within 1,200 ft of one another in a direction transverse to the axis of the valley.

In the glaciated part of Lodge Pole Creek valley, lithologic logs of well 0-61 and test holes T-27 through T-31 indicate thick sequences of drift directly overlying shale. Presumably, the scarcity of sand and gravel beneath the present-day stream channel in this area is the result of glacial scour. Likewise, the aquifer at the line of glacial advance probably is discontinuous.

To investigate the possibility that preglacial Lodge Pole Creek flowed almost due north through the broad valley from location 27N25E32 to 27N25E18 rather than through its present-day channel, observation wells 0-62 and 0-63 and test holes T-33 through T-35 were drilled (fig. 13). Although well 0-62 penetrated some sand and gravel, shale was drilled at an altitude of 3,279 ft, which is 54-60 ft higher than the altitude of the shale that was drilled at wells 0-51 and 0-53 along the present-day channel northwest of Lodge Pole. Likewise, well 0-63 penetrated shale at 3,218 ft, which is 81 ft higher than the altitude of the shale that was drilled at well 0-54. Whether the northern valley at one time contained the ancestral Lodge Pole Creek or was instead carved by glacial ice could not be determined from the data.

#### Water-Level Fluctuations

Water levels were measured approximately monthly in 14 observation wells along Lodge Pole Creek; of these, continuous recorders were operated on wells 0-42 and 0-58. Hydrographs of wells along Lodge Pole Creek valley (table 16) display trends similar to those observed in Little Peoples Creek valley. Hydrographs of wells in the unglaciated part of the drainage display a water-level fluctuation of as much as 33 ft (well 0-42) during the period of record and indicate a sudden response to precipitation and snowmelt recharge. In contrast, hydrographs for the part of the drainage northwest of Lodge Pole and southeast of the line of glacial advance, which was blanketed by proglacial silt and clay, display an annual water-level fluctuation under non-pumping conditions of less than 3 ft and show no significant correlation with precipitation and snowmelt recharge.

Hydrographs of wells 0-45 and 0-42 are shown in figure 14; also shown for comparison are streamflow of Lodge Pole Creek and precipitation at the gage south

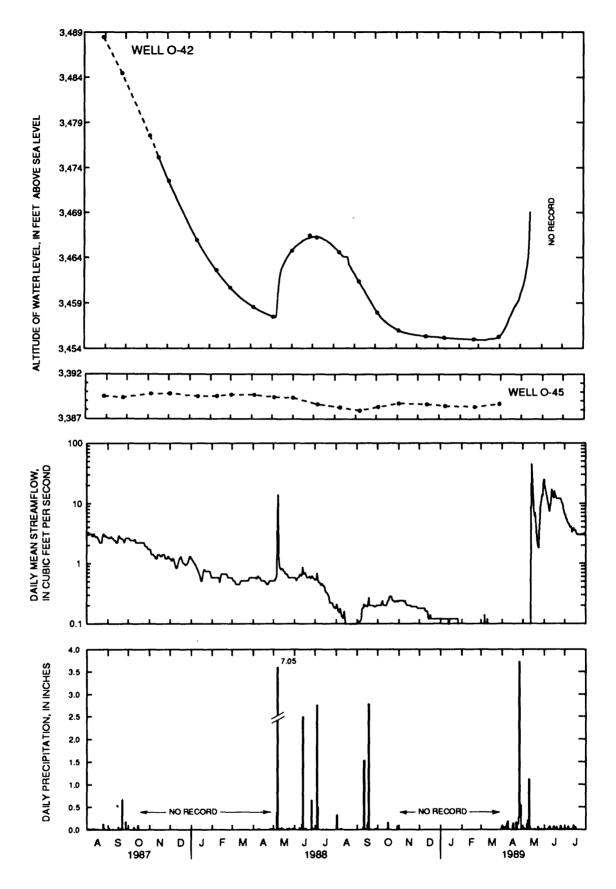


Figure 14.--Relation of water levels in selected wells to streamflow at gaging station 06154430 and precipitation at a continuous-record gage along Lodge Pole Creek. A continuous water-level recorder was maintained on well 0-42.

of Lodge Pole. Although the water level in well O-45 shows no apparent response to periods of large streamflow, the water level in well O-42 displays a strong correlation to this stress. The observed responses are similar to those observed in Little Peoples Creek valley.

Well 0-45 is completed in sand and gravel that are hydraulically confined by proglacial silt and clay. Recharge to this confined part of the aquifer is primarily by flow from the upgradient unconfined aquifer. The hydraulic head in the confined aquifer is controlled by an impoundment of Lodge Pole Creek about 0.25 mi south of well 0-45. The interaction between the unconfined and confined aquifers in the Lodge Pole Creek valley is conceptually identical to the interaction in Little Peoples Creek valley.

In contrast to well 0-45, coarse gravels penetrated by well 0-42 are not overlain by proglacial silt and clay but are hydraulically connected to the intermittent flow of Lodge Pole Creek and ephemeral runoff. Field evidence corroborates the connection. The flow of Lodge Pole Creek infiltrates and disappears into the alluvium at the point of exit from the Mississippian-limestone canyon at the head of the drainage and reemergence 2.5 mi downstream, just upstream from the gaging station.

Persistent drought conditions during the 2 years of this study are probably responsible for the general decline in water levels in wells 0-39 through 0-44. However, human activities were responsible for the large decline in water level at well 0-54 during June and July 1988. The decline resulted from use of the flowing-artesian well 0-55 for stockwater. The discharge of well 0-55 caused water levels to decline in all wells in the drainage as far upgradient as well 0-45, 3.6 mi to the southeast, but did not cause any water-level change at well 0-58, 1.4 mi downgradient to the north. The unquantified discharge at well 0-55 did not allow mass balance analyses of the effects of discharge on the aquifer. The lack of response at well 0-58 indicates that the aquifer is essentially discontinuous between well 0-55 and well 0-58 to the north. This area of probable aquifer discontinuity, which coincides with the line of glacial advance, defines the northernmost extent of the continuous valley-fill aquifer in the Lodge Pole Creek valley.

# Hydraulic Characteristics

Constant-discharge aquifer tests were conducted on three wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer of Lodge Pole Creek. Water levels in observation wells were monitored during the tests and the time-versus-drawdown data were analyzed. The resulting transmissivity, hydraulic-conductivity, and storage-coefficient data are summarized in table 7.

As in the Little Peoples Creek valley, transmissivity and hydraulic-conductivity values appear to decrease with distance from the mountain front. Aquifer-test data for observation well 0-58 were unsolvable, owing to the violation of basic assumptions regarding radial flow to the discharging well on which the analytical solutions are based. The estimated storage coefficient at well 0-46 (0.00001) is consistent with the degree of hydraulic confinement at the site, but the value at well 0-42 (0.0008) is anomalously small given the degree of hydraulic connection with streamflow near the site.

## Recharge and Discharge

For purposes of describing recharge and discharge, the Lodge Pole Creek drainage basin was divided into two sub-basins according to degree of hydraulic confinement of the valley-fill aquifer. The south basin consists of the total drainage area upgradient from gaging station 06154430 near Lodge Pole and represents the area potentially supplying recharge to the unconfined aquifer. The relation between water-levels in well 0-42 and streamflow at the gaging station (fig. 14) corroborate the hydraulic connection between the surface and ground-water systems in the south basin. The adjacent north basin consists of the drainage area downgradient from the gaging station to the line of glacial advance.

# Table 7.--Results of aquifer tests in the valley-fill aquifer of Lodge Pole Creek

[Valley mile is approximate distance downstream from beginning of valley fill. Abbreviations: ft, feet; ft/d, feet per day; ft²/d, feet squared per day; gal/min, gallons per minute; min, minutes. Symbols: ---, no solution possible because basic flow assumptions were not met]

	Calculated values									
Pumped well num- ber	Val- ley mile	(gal/	Date of test	Length of test (min)	Trans- missi- vity (ft <sup>2</sup> /d)	Aver- age aqui- fer thick- ness (ft)	Hydrau- lic conduc- tivity (ft/d)	Storage coef- ficient	Obser- vation well num- ber	Total draw- down (ft)
0-42	1.6	60	06-27-88	240	8,400	11	760	0.0008	0-40 0-41 0-43	0 0.99 0
0-46	3.1	68	10-18-87	240	880	5	180	.00001	O-45 O-47 O-48 O-49 O-50	15.03 0 3.71 5.21 0
0-58	8.1	55	10-16-87	240		6			0-56 0-57 0-59 0-60	15.19 17.53 17.49 0

## South basin

Recharge to and discharge from the valley-fill aquifer in the south basin of Lodge Pole Creek can be summarized with a mass balance equation as follows:

$$BRGWi + R + P = SWo + VFGWo + ET \tag{5}$$

where

BRGWi = Leakage from bedrock;

R = Infiltration of ephemeral runoff from the drainage area; includes ephemeral flow in upper Lodge Pole Creek and White Horse Canyon;

P = Infiltration of precipitation that falls directly on the valley fill;

SWo = Outflow from the basin by Lodge Pole Creek; an unquantified
 major part of this water is leakage from the aquifer;

VFGWo = Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient

boundary of the basin; and

ET = Evapotranspiration by phreatophytes along Lodge Pole Creek.

The first three variables of equation 5 represent recharge to the aquifer; the remaining variables represent discharge from the aquifer.

Leakage of water from bedrock (BRGWi) was not measured directly, but its existence is implied by: (1) a hydraulic gradient from bedrock into the valley fill determined by measurement of water levels in bedrock wells P-111, P-112, P-124, P-137, and P-147, and (2) an increase in dissolved-solids concentration in the aquifer with distance from the mountain front, which might indicate inflow of more mineralized water from bedrock. The increase in dissolved-solids concentration might also be due to a chemical interaction of aquifer water with aquifer material or to the concentrating effect of evapotranspiration on dissolved constituents. Because surface-water inflow to the south basin was not continuous, as it was in the south basin of Little Peoples Creek, leakage from bedrock into the aquifer was not identifiable from a low-flow investigation conducted on Lodge Pole Creek in October 1987.

A principal source of recharge to the aquifer in the south basin is ephemeral runoff from the surrounding drainage area (R). This component of recharge includes infiltration of intermittent streamflow in both upper Lodge Pole Creek and White Horse Canyon. Streamflow disappears into the coarse valley fill a short distance from the mountain front during all but infrequent periods of large runoff. The total drainage area of the south basin excluding the surface extent of the valley fill is about 18.5 mi<sup>2</sup> and the long-term mean annual precipitation is 19 in. (fig. 7). However, the percentage of precipitation that runs off is unknown. Assuming a runoff rate of 15 percent, runoff recharge to the aquifer is about 2,810 acreft/yr.

Infiltration of precipitation that falls directly on the valley fill (P) also recharges the aquifer. The surface extent of the valley fill in the south basin is about 1 mi<sup>2</sup>. The long-term mean annual precipitation is about 19 in. (fig. 6). Using the same methodology and assumptions presented for Little Peoples Creek, precipitation recharge to the aquifer in the south basin is about 240 acre-ft/yr.

Outflow from the basin by leakage to Lodge Pole Creek (SWO) is represented by the appearance of streamflow about 0.25 mi upstream from gaging station 06154430 near Lodge Pole in the south basin. During all but infrequent periods of large runoff, the channel of Lodge Pole Creek is dry from the mountain front to just south of the gaging station. Therefore, streamflow recorded at the gaging station comprises a significant part of the discharge from the aquifer in the south basin. To estimate the long-term streamflow at the gaging station, the streamflow record was extended to the base period (water years 1937-86) by statistical correlation with extended flow records previously developed for gaging station 06154410 on Little Peoples Creek (Parrett and Johnson, 1989, p. 22). The resulting log-linear regression equation is:

$$Qlgp = 0.10(Qltp)^{1.853} (6)$$

where

Qltp = Mean monthly streamflow for Little Peoples Creek, in cubic feet
 per second.

The coefficient of determination for equation 6 is 0.72. Estimated mean monthly streamflow for Lodge Pole Creek at the gaging station during the 50-year base period is presented in table 8. The estimated long-term mean annual flow of Lodge Pole Creek at the gaging station is 1,400 acre-ft/yr.

Outflow through the valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the south basin (VFGWo) was estimated by Darcy's equation using a transmissivity of 880  $\rm ft^2/d$  determined by the aquifer test at well 0-46, a combined aquifer width for the two lowest sand and gravel layers of 1,770 ft, and a hydraulic gradient of 0.011 ft/ft determined between well 0-45 and 0-49, 230 ft downgradient. Outflow through valley fill is estimated to be about 144 acre-ft/yr.

Evapotranspiration (ET) also discharges the aquifer. Satellite imagery was used to estimate the areal extent of phreatophytes along Lodge Pole Creek. The south basin contains 201 acres of phreatophytes. Consumptive use of the phreato-

phytes was assumed to equal the consumptive use of alfalfa (26.11 in/yr or 2.18 acre-ft/yr per acre), as calculated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (1974). The estimated depletion due to evapotranspiration is 438 acre-ft/yr (table 9).

Table 8.--Estimated mean monthly and mean annual streamflow of Lodge Pole Creek, water years 1937-86

	De-	<del></del>					mflow	flow, in cubic feet per second						Mean annual stream- flow, in acre- feet
	- scrip- tion	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	per
SWo	Outflow <sup>1</sup> from south basin	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.8	10.0	5.6	1.6	0.8	0.6	1,400

<sup>1</sup> Determined at streamflow-gaging station 06154430.

Table 9.--Monthly evapotranspiration depletion along the south basin of Lodge Pole Creek

Depletion, in acre-feet											
Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total (rounded)				
1.0	61.9	95.5	126	103	49.0	1.2	438				

Recharge to and discharge from the aquifer in the south basin of Lodge Pole Creek are summarized in table 10. The most imprecisely known value is for recharge by ephemeral runoff from the drainage area including ungaged flow in upper Lodge Pole Creek and White Horse Canyon. Most of the remaining values in table 10 are probably reasonable estimates of recharge to and discharge from the aquifer in the south basin. The difference between total recharge and total discharge in table 10 is a result of unknown values or estimation error, not a change in aquifer storage.

Table 10.--Summary of estimated recharge to and discharge from the south and north basins of Lodge Pole Creek

Variable	Description	Acre-feet per year
	South basin	
Recharge		
BRGWi	Leakage from bedrock; not estimated	?
R	<pre>Infiltration of ephemeral runoff from the drainage area; includes ephemeral flow in upper Lodge Pole Creek and White Horse Canyon</pre>	2,810
P	Infiltration of precipitation that falls directly on the valley fill	240
Total in		3,050
Discharge		
SWo	Outflow from the basin by Lodge Pole Creek; based on extended streamflow record at gaging station 06154430	1,400
VFGWo	Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the basin; based on Darcy's equation	144
ET	Evapotranspiration; based on satellite analysis of phreatophytes along Lodge Pole Creek	438
Total out (rounded)		1,980
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	North basin	
Recharge		
VFGWi	Inflow from the valley fill of south basin	144
BRGWi	Leakage from bedrock; not estimated	?
Total in		144
<u>Discharge</u>		
VFGWo	Outflow through the valley fill at the north boundary of basin is possible, but not estimated	?
Total out		?

#### North basin

Recharge to and discharge from the valley-fill aquifer in the north basin of Lodge Pole Creek can be summarized as follows:

$$VFGWi + BRGWi = VFGWo (7)$$

where

VFGWi = Inflow from the valley fill of south basin,

BRGWi = Leakage from bedrock, and

VFGWo = Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the basin.

The principal source of recharge to the aquifer in the north basin (VFGWi) is outflow from the valley-fill aquifer of the adjacent south basin (VFGWo). This recharge is estimated to be about 144 acre-ft/yr.

Leakage of water from bedrock (BRGWi) was not measured directly but is implied by the existence of an upward hydraulic gradient in the aquifer (wells 0-49, 0-50, 0-51, and 0-52) and an increase in dissolved-solids concentration downgradient in the basin. However, these factors did not allow quantification of the recharge.

Potential discharge of water from the aquifer through leakage to Lodge Pole Creek might explain the occurrence of seeps, which remained active when sections of the creek became dry during the summer of 1988. Unfortunately, the low-flow investigation conducted on the creek did not detect the leakage under the more normal streamflow conditions in October 1987 (table 11).

Table 11.--Results of low-flow measurements of Lodge Pole Creek, October 18, 1987

[Valley mile is approximate distance downstream from the beginning of valley fill. Abbreviations: ft<sup>3</sup>/s, cubic feet per second; (ft<sup>3</sup>/s)/mi, cubic feet per second per mile.

Symbol: --, not applicable]

Site number (fig. 12)	Valley mile	Discharge (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	Change in dis- charge per mile (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)/mi]	Estimated measurement error (percent)
		North basin		
06154430 S-9 S-10 S-11 S-12	2.7 4.8 6.4 8.1 10.2	2.22 1.41 1.89 1.85 1.82	 -0.39 + .30 02 01	8 or more 8 or more 5 8

Outflow through valley fill at the downgradient boundary of the north basin (VFGWo) is more difficult to identify than in the south basin. The lack of response of water levels in observation wells located north of the line of glacial advance when well 0-55 was flowing in the summer of 1988 indicates that the aquifer is essentially discontinuous. However, a minor quantity of ground water, which

could flow through this area if the aquifer does not totally pinch out, might be responsible for part of the discharge from the confined aquifer.

Recharge to and discharge from the aquifer in the north basin of Lodge Pole Creek are summarized in table 10. Most of the components of recharge and discharge in the north basin are imprecisely known.

# Water Quality

Water samples for chemical analysis were collected from 20 wells and 4 stream-flow sites in 1987 and from 5 wells in 1988 in the Lodge Pole Creek valley (tables 17 and 18). Samples were collected according to guidelines described by Knapton (1985).

Water-quality diagrams for major ions and dissolved-solids data for selected wells are shown in figure 15. Water in wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer near the mountain front is a calcium bicarbonate type with dissolved-solids concentrations as small as 232 mg/L, whereas water in wells farther downgradient is a sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate type with dissolved-solids concentrations as large as 2,500 mg/L. The trend of increasing dissolved-solids concentrations with distance from the mountain front probably results from a combination of the following processes: (1) leakage from bedrock, (2) dissolution of minerals within the aquifer, (3) limited flow through the confined part of the aquifer, and (4) evapotranspiration.

Water in bedrock well P-136 has larger concentrations of calcium, magnesium, potassium, and sulfate than water in the valley-fill aquifer (table 17). Also, water in bedrock well P-129 has a larger specific conductance than water in the valley-fill aquifer (table 13). The quantity of inflow of water from bedrock to the aquifer is directly proportional to the surface area of the aquifer in contact with the underlying lenses of permeable sandstone. Therefore, the percentage of total ground-water flow that is derived from bedrock increases with distance along the flow path and can result in increased dissolved-solids concentrations downgradient.

Because the valley-fill aquifer is composed primarily of material locally eroded from bedrock, dissolution of minerals that occur in the bedrock flow system also can occur in the valley-fill aquifer. The resulting water quality is also similar.

Water-level data imply that the confined aquifer of Lodge Pole Creek is essentially discontinuous at the line of glacial advance, and, therefore, probably does not discharge to the thin sand and gravel deposits to the north. This aquifer geometry limits flow through the confined aquifer, thereby decreasing the dilution of mineralized aquifer water by recharge.

Evapotranspiration accounts for part of the discharge from localized areas of the unconfined aquifer. Evapotranspiration also increases the dissolved-solids concentration of the impounded surface water, which functions as a constant-head source for the confined aquifer.

Water-quality samples from Lodge Pole Creek valley (table 17) indicate that water from most wells completed in the valley-fill aquifer north of well 0-50 has a high or very high salinity hazard (fig. 12). High salinity water cannot be used without adverse effects on soils that have restricted drainage; use of this water may require special salinity control and selection of salt-tolerant crops even on soils having adequate drainage (U.S. Salinity Laboratory Staff, 1954, p. 81). None of the water-quality samples indicate a sodium hazard that would adversely affect soil structure.

Analyses of water samples from 19 observation wells and 3 private wells that are completed in valley fill along Lodge Pole Creek are given in tables 17 and 18. Of these 22 wells, 10 have water with a dissolved-solids concentration larger than the SMCL of 500 mg/L; 8 have water with a sulfate concentration larger than the SMCL of 250 mg/L; 8 have water with an iron concentration larger than the SMCL of

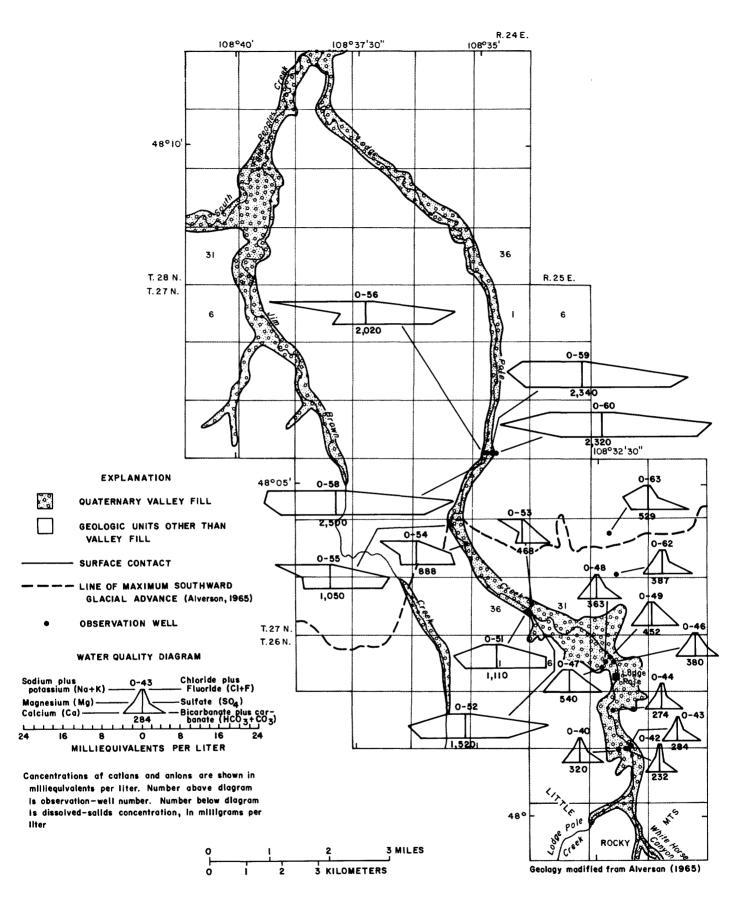
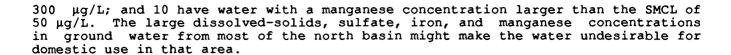


Figure 15.--Water-quality diagrams for water samples from selected observation wells along Lodge Pole Creek.



#### Jim Brown, Big Warm, and Beaver Creek Valleys

Test drilling along Jim Brown Creek demonstrated a lack of continuous sand and gravel deposits beneath the valley (table 15). Observation wells O-35 through O-37 and test holes T-13 through T-21 are located along Jim Brown Creek valley (pl. 2). Well O-35 is completed in gravel directly overlying shale and would not produce water. Test hole T-14, about 200 ft southwest of well O-35, penetrates 8 ft of dry sand and gravel overlying shale at 23 ft below land surface. Although nearby private well P-108, which is 900 ft southeast of well O-35, produces 10 gal/min of water from a depth of 19-26 ft below land surface, test drilling did not detect a continuous aquifer. However, a large grove of aspens near the creek at location 26N24E02B indicates the presence of ground water in that area.

Field inspection of the drainage area and extent of valley fill along Big Warm Creek indicates lack of a significant ground-water resource along the valley. On the basis of this conclusion, Big Warm Creek valley was not investigated further.

Test drilling along Beaver Creek indicated the lack of continuous sand and gravel deposits in the valley-fill sequence (table 15). Observation wells 0-64 through 0-66 and test holes T-36 through T-43 are located along Beaver Creek valley (pl. 2). Well 0-64 was drilled near the western, upgradient end of the valley fill along Beaver Creek where a large grove of willows indicates the presence of ground water near the surface. The well penetrates several layers of sand and gravel interbedded with clay and colluvium overlying shale at 52 ft below land surface. Well 0-64 produces about 25 gal/min of water suitable for domestic, stock, or small-scale irrigation purposes. Subsequent drilling of test holes T-36 through T-39 about 1.4 mi downvalley denoted the absence of water-yielding sand and gravel in the valley-fill sequence at those locations. Wells 0-65 and 0-66 and test holes T-40 through T-43 near the east boundary of the reservation penetrate isolated, thin, and shallow sand and gravel layers having little potential for ground-water withdrawals.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL GROUND-WATER WITHDRAWALS

The potential is good for additional withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer along Little Peoples Creek. Considering the aquifer geometry shown in geologic sections A-A', B-B', and C-C' (pl. 1) and an estimated porosity of 25 percent, the total volume of water in the aquifer of the south basin of Little Peoples Creek is about 10,000 acre-ft.

The aquifer test at well 0-23 provides the only data that detail large-capacity withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer along Little Peoples Creek. Whereas water levels in the pumped and observation wells continued to decline during the 1,450-min test (steady-state flow conditions were not achieved), data from test drilling, aquifer tests, and recharge-discharge estimates indicate that in some areas of the valley properly constructed wells might be capable of sustaining 150-250 gal/min during parts of the irrigation season. However, the data also indicate that pumping for irrigation would probably result in lowered water levels in the aquifer. Additional water withdrawals for domestic and stock use would probably not create this effect to a measurable degree. Lowered ground-water levels in the aquifer would probably result in two interrelated consequences: (1) increased leakage of more mineralized water from bedrock, and (2) increased infiltration of water from Little Peoples Creek.

Water-level measurements, water-quality data, and streamflow gain-loss measurements indicate leakage from bedrock along much of the Little Peoples Creek valley. The decline of water levels in the valley-fill aquifer caused by large-capacity pumping would effectively increase the hydraulic gradient from bedrock

into the valley fill and thereby increase the inflow of potentially more mineralized water. Although the increased leakage from bedrock would provide some amount of water not otherwise available, the potential increase in dissolved-solids concentration might make the water unacceptable for certain uses.

The relation of streamflow and water-level fluctuations in selected wells indicates hydraulic connection between Little Peoples Creek and the unconfined part of the valley-fill aquifer. Thus, lower water levels in the aquifer as a result of pumping would increase infiltration from the creek. Although the water entering the aquifer from Little Peoples Creek would decrease the average dissolved-solids concentrations in the aquifer, the resulting decrease in streamflow might not be acceptable to downstream users who rely on the stream for stockwater.

The potential is limited for additional withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer along Lodge Pole Creek. Although the estimated transmissivity of the aquifer in the south basin is sufficient to permit the development of wells capable of producing 250 gal/min, insufficient long-term recharge to the aquifer would severely limit the use of large-capacity wells. The quantity and quality of ground water available in the south basin, however, provide good potential for additional withdrawals for domestic and stock-watering use.

In the north basin of Lodge Pole Creek, the estimated transmissivity of the confined aquifer is not adequate to supply ground water to large-capacity irrigation wells. In contrast, the potential is excellent for development of small-yield flowing artesian wells for stock-watering purposes. However, the large dissolved-solids, iron, and manganese concentrations in ground water in the north basin exceed the SMCL's for those constituents and might make the water undesirable for domestic use in that area.

The limited extent of valley fill and recharge areas for Jim Brown and Big Warm Creek valleys restricts the potential for water withdrawals for irrigation in those valleys. In Beaver Creek valley, the potential for additional water withdrawals from the valley-fill aquifer is limited to the part of the valley upgradient from well 0-64. There, the quantity and quality of the water is suitable for domestic, stock, or small-scale irrigation use. Test drilling downgradient from well 0-64 indicates the potential for water withdrawals in that area of Beaver Creek valley is negligible.

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The southern part of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation has diverse physiography, drainage, and climate. Three physiographic units are present: (1) plains in the northern and central parts, (2) foothills surrounding the Little Rocky Mountains in the southern part, and (3) the Little Rocky Mountains uplift. Five principal creeks drain the northern flank of the Little Rocky Mountains: Little Peoples, Lodge Pole, Jim Brown, Big Warm, and Beaver Creeks. Of these, only Little Peoples and Lodge Pole Creeks have deposits of sand and gravel that are continuous along most of the length of the valleys.

The stratigraphy of the area is varied. Precambrian metamorphic rocks and Tertiary igneous rocks are exposed in the core of the Little Rocky Mountains. Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic sedimentary rocks are exposed on the flank of the mountains and on the surrounding plains. Unconsolidated deposits occur beneath terraces surrounding the Little Rocky Mountains and as Quaternary valley fill and glacial deposits.

The geometry, flow system, and water quality of the valley-fill aquifers along Little Peoples and Lodge Pole Creeks can be summarized as follows:

1. The valley fill overlies and is bounded laterally by shale except where the valleys cross the Eagle Sandstone and localized sandstone of the Judith River Formation. Hydraulic connection between the underlying sandstone and the valley fill is implied but not quantified by this report.

- 2. The principal aquifer in Little Peoples Creek valley is layered sand-and-gravel channel-fill deposits in the lower part of the valley-fill sequence. These deposits average about 20 ft in aggregate thickness in the center of the valley. In Lodge Pole Creek valley, the sand and gravel deposits are more randomly distributed, commonly occurring as multiple layers with limited hydraulic connection. The aquifer in both valleys is locally overlain or underlain by relatively impermeable clay and colluvium.
- 3. The valley-fill aquifers function essentially as unconfined aquifers in the southern, upgradient, unglaciated parts of the valleys and as confined aquifers in the northern parts, where they are overlain by glacial sediments.
- 4. Analysis of aquifer tests conducted along Little Peoples Creek results in calculated hydraulic-conductivity values of valley fill of 480, 300, 250, and 180 ft/d at wells located successively farther away from the mountain front. In valley fill along Lodge Pole Creek, analysis of aquifer tests results in calculated hydraulic-conductivity values of 760 ft/d in the unconfined, southern basin and about 180 ft/d near Lodge Pole.
- 5. Little Peoples and Lodge Pole Creek valley-fill aquifers are recharged by infiltration of streamflow, runoff, and precipitation, and by leakage of water from bedrock. The aquifers are discharged by leakage of water to streams, evapotranspiration, and outflow through valley fill at the downstream end of the study area. Discontinuous aquifer deposits may limit ground-water outflow in the Lodge Pole Creek valley.
- 6. In both valleys, water in wells near the mountain front is a calcium bicarbonate type, with dissolved-solids concentrations as small as 232 mg/L, whereas water in wells farther downgradient is a sodium sulfate or magnesium sulfate type with dissolved-solids concentrations as large as 11,500 mg/L. The increase in dissolved-solids concentration downflow in the aquifer probably results from a combination of leakage from bedrock, dissolution of minerals within the aquifer, and evapotranspiration. In the Lodge Pole Creek valley, the trend of increasing dissolved-solids concentrations also is related to limited flow through the confined part of the aquifer north of Lodge Pole.

The potential is good for additional withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer along Little Peoples Creek. However, the development of additional wells capable of sustaining 150-250 gal/min for irrigation could lower water levels or hydraulic heads in the aquifer, increase leakage from bedrock, and increase infiltration from Little Peoples Creek, which may ultimately decrease streamflow. Although water-quality data indicate that the possible increase in dissolved-solids concentration caused by additional pumping would probably not preclude using the water for irrigation, the change of water quality in the aquifer might not be acceptable for use downgradient. Increased infiltration of water from Little Peoples Creek would generally improve water quality in the aquifer, but the resulting decrease in streamflow might not be acceptable to downstream users who rely on the stream for stockwater.

The potential is limited for additional withdrawals of water from the valley-fill aquifer along Lodge Pole Creek. Insufficient long-term recharge to the aquifer would severely limit the use of large-capacity wells. However, the potential is good for additional withdrawals in the southern, unconfined part of the aquifer for domestic and stock-watering use. Water quality in the northern confined part of the aquifer might be undesirable for domestic use.

Investigation of the Jim Brown, Big Warm, and Beaver Creek valleys indicated that none had sufficient aquifer thickness or recharge area to warrant the development of large-capacity irrigation wells. However, areas of Beaver Creek near the mountain front have the potential to support additional wells for domestic, stockwater, and small-scale irrigation use.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Table 12.--Records of streamflow-measurement sites and gaging stations

Little	Peoples Creek	Lodge	Pole Creek		rea (fig. 10)
Site number	Location number	Site number	Location number	Site number	Location number
06154410	26N24E32BDD 01	06154430	26N25E05CDDC01	06154400	29N23E35C 0
s-1	26N24E32BBCA01	s-9	27N24E36DAAA01	06154490	30N25E25DAC 0
S-2	26N24E19CCCA01	s-10	27N24E26ADCD01	06154500	30N26E21BDD 0
s-3	26N23E24BDBA01	s-11	27N24E13CCDB01		
S-4	26N23E14ADAB01	s-12	27N24E01CDAB01		
S-5	26N23E01CABA01				
s-6	27N24E25CABC01				
s-7	27N23E14DDAD01				
s-8	27N23E09ADBC01				

#### Table 13. -- Records of wells

Site number--numbering system described in text. Location number--numbering system described in text. Altitude of land surface--reported in feet above sea level. Geologic unit--

Ovf - Quaternary valley fill
OTt - Quaternary and Tertiary terrace deposits
Kjr - Upper Cretaceous Judith River Formation
Kcl - Upper Cretaceous Claggett Shale
Ke - Upper Cretaceous Eagle Sandstone
Kc - Upper and Lower Cretaceous Colorado Group
KJke - Lower Cretaceous to Middle Jurassic Kootenai
Formation and Ellis Group

Depth of well--reported in feet below land surface.
Diameter of casing--reported in inches.
Type of finish--C, porous concrete; F, gravel, with perforations; G, galvanized iron; O, open end; P, perforated or slotted; S, stainless-steel screen; X, open hole.
Top of open interval--reported in feet below land surface.
Bottom of open interval--reported in feet below land surface.
Primary use of water--C, commerical; H, domestic; I, irrigation; P, public supply; S, stock; T, institution; U, unused.
Water level--reported in feet below or above (+) land surface.
Water-level source--D, driller; O, owner; R, reported; S, reporting agency.
Discharge--reported in gallons per minute.
Method of discharge measurement--B, bailer; E, estimated; O, orifice; R, reported; V, volumetric.
Onsite temperature--reported in degrees Celsius.
Onsite specific conductance--reported in microsiemens per centimeter at 25 degrees Celsius.

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Site num- ber (pl. 2)	Location number	Alti- tude of land surface (feet)	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well (feet)		- Type of finish	Top of open inter-val (feet)	Bottom of open inter- val (feet)	Pri- mary use of water
B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4	26N24E31BDCD01 26N24E31BADC01 26N23E26ACDC01 26N23E23DCAD02	3,726 3,698 3,634 3,540	KJke Kc Ke Ke	226 174 144 224	2 2 2 2	G F P G	165 99 122 203	195 119 132 213	U U U
B-5	26N23E23DCAD01	3,539	Ke 	375	2	G -	317	337	U -
B-6 B-7	26N23E23ACAC01 26N23E12DCBB01	3,474 3,391 	Ke Ke 	303 94 	2 2 -	P G -	282 73 	292 83 	บ บ -
B-8	26N23E12DCBB02	3,405	Ke	214	2	G	193	203	U
0-1 0-2 0-3 0-4 0-5	25N22E12CABA01 26N24E31AAAA01 26N24E30CBAC01 26N24E30CBAA02 26N24E30BDCB01	3,490 3,681 3,610 3,603 3,596	QTt Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	67 83 28 21 45	2 2 2 2 2	F F F F	52 68 23 15 40	57 78 28 21 45	บ บ บ บ
0-6 0-7 0-8 0-9 0-10	26N24E30BDBA01 26N24E30BADB01 26N24E30BDAC01 26N24E30BDAC02 26N24E30BDAC02 26N23E24BDBB01	3,592 3,590 3,595 3,594 3,464	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	45 34 54 53 40	2 2 2 4 2	F F F F	35 20 44 43 35	45 25 54 53 40	บ บ บ บ
0-11 0-12 0-13 0-14 0-15	26N23E14BDBA01 26N23E14ACBB01 26N23E14ACBB02 26N23E14ABCD01 26N23E14ABCD01	3,373 3,373 3,372 3,374 3,376	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	45 48 40 40 35	2 2 4 2 2	F F F F	30 35 30 35 22	35 40 40 40 27	U U U U
O-16 O-17 O-18 O-19 O-20	26N23E11ADAA01 26N23E12ABAC01 26N23E01DBCD01 26N23E01BCCD01 27N23E36CCCD01	3,304 3,302 3,276 3,264 3,236	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	65 43 27 58 35	2 2 2 2 2	F F F F	50 30 22 43 30	55 35 27 48 35	บ บ บ บ
0-21 0-22 0-23 0-24 0-25	27N23E36CCDC01 27N23E36CCDC02 27N23E36CCDC03 27N23E36CCDD01 27N23E36CCDD02	3,241 3,240 3,240 3,241 3,242	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	82 85 87 73 28	2 4 12 2 2	F S F F	69 63 62 60 23	74 75 77 65 28	บ บ บ บ
0-26 0-27 0-28 0-29 0-30	27N23E36CBBA01 27N23E25BCCD01 27N23E23AADC01 27N23E23AAAA01 27N23E10DDDD01	3,214 3,165 3,091 3,069 3,004	Qvf Qvf Kjr Qvf Qvf	100 110 130 88 97	2 2 2 2 2	F F F F	85 85 120 70 80	90 90 130 80 85	U U U U
0-31 0-32 0-33 0-34 0-35	27N23E09AADA01 27N23E10BBBD01 27N23E10BBBD02 27N23E03CDCC01 27N24E35CCAB01	2,959 2,965 2,965 2,988 3,360	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	123 128 120 105 72	2 2 4 2 2	F F F F	110 110 110 85 57	115 120 120 95 62	บ บ บ บ
0-36 0-37 0-38 0-39 0-40	27N24E16BABC01 28N24E32CCAA01 26N25E20BABA02 26N25E17DACB01 26N25E17BAAA01	2,950 2,845 3,630 3,567 3,505	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	24 113 32 55 65	2 2 2 2 2	F F F F	11 94 27 40 50	14 103 32 45 55	บ บ บ บ
0-41 0-42 0-43 0-44 0-45	26N25E17ABBB01 26N25E17ABBB02 26N25E08DCDC01 26N25E08BDAC01 26N25E05CAAA03	3,505 3,505 3,505 3,446 3,387	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	55 54 55 60 68	2 4 2 2 2	F F F F	50 44 40 45 50	55 54 45 50 58	U U U U

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

level	Water- level source	Date water level measured	Dis- charge (gal/min)	Method of dis- charge measure- ment		Onsite spe- cific con- ductance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Date quality parameter measured	site num- ber (pl. 2)
1.15 24.78 13.45 28.58	s s s	09-30-88 09-30-88 10-02-88 09-20-88		-	9.5 10.0 9.0 9.0 10.5	710 1,850 680 1,080 1,060	 7.8 	10-03-88 10-03-88 09-15-88 09-15-88 10-01-88	B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4
+20.95 28.82 31.13	s - s -	09-21-88  10-02-88 10-02-88		-	10.0 10.5 10.0 9.0 10.5	840 1,340 775 1,140 1,280	7.7   	09-14-88 10-01-88 10-03-88 09-20-88 10-02-88	B-5 B-6 B-7
35.68	s	10-04-88		-	10.5	1,480		10-02-88	B-8
50.64 45.17 26.22 18.50 13.74	s s s s	12-17-87 08-26-87 08-26-87 08-26-87 08-26-87	<1 <1 <1 	E E E	9.0  9.0	480  477	7.5	08-26-87  08-26-87	0-1 0-2 0-3 0-4 0-5
11.8 7.91 16.61 12.79 20.05	s s s s	08-26-87 08-26-87 08-26-87 08-26-87 08-26-87	20 60	- E O -	9.5  9.0 8.5	813  471 572	7.3 7.4 7.3	08-26-87 10-17-87 10-14-87	0-6 0-7 0-8 0-9 0-10
19.99 19.39 19.10 21.91	s s s	08-27-87 08-27-87 08-28-87 08-27-87	70	- - 0 - E	8.5 7.5 9.5	1,550  1,150 570	7.2 7.3 7.4	10-14-87  10-19-87 10-14-87	0-11 0-12 0-13 0-14 0-15
4.08 15.95 7.17 7.22 1.34	s s s s	08-27-87 08-27-87 08-27-87 08-27-87 08-26-87	20 10 10 20 10	E E E E	7.5 9.0 9.5 8.5 9.0	620 13,000 6,620 1,620 1,550	7.3 7.5 7.3 7.4 7.4	10-15-87 10-15-87 09-14-87 09-12-87 09-12-87	0-16 0-17 0-18 0-19 0-20
4.48 3.88 3.32 4.72 16.08	s s s s	08-26-87 08-26-87 06-22-88 08-26-87 08-26-87	40 50 270 5 	E E O E	9.0 8.5 8.5 9.0	985 970 713 3,030	7.2 7.3 7.3 7.3	09-14-87 06-23-88 09-12-87 09-12-87	0-21 0-22 0-23 0-24 0-25
14.27 16.78 44.24 22.64 8.43	s s s s s	08-28-87 08-27-87 08-27-87 08-27-87 08-27-87	20  10 	E - E -	8.5 9.5 10.0 10.5 9.0	881 953 1,260 993 1,550	7.5 7.5 7.6 7.5 <b>8</b> .2	09-13-87 09-13-87 09-13-87 09-13-87 09-11-87	0-26 0-27 0-28 0-29 0-30
+2.46 4.15 4.62 37.67 60.12	s s s s	08-27-87 08-27-87 08-27-87 08-27-87 08-28-87	 66 	0	9.0  9.0 10.5	1,990  1,640 1,590	7.8  7.9 8.3	09-12-87  09-11-87 09-10-87	0-31 0-32 0-33 0-34 0-35
11.87 98.05 32.00 37.50 18.06	s s s	08-27-87 09-26-87 08-30-87 08-29-87 08-29-87	<1 <1 	E E -	7.5	515	7.5	11-05-87	0-36 0-37 0-38 0-39 0-40
17.05 16.54 15.74 9.59 +2.50	s s s s	08-29-87 08-29-87 08-29-87 08-29-87 08-28-87	60  25 30	0 - E E	8.0 7.0 8.0	362 478 459	7.7 7.4 7.5	09-15-87 11-04-87 10-18-87	0-41 0-42 0-43 0-44 0-45

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Site num- ber (pl. 2)	Location number	Alti- tude of land surface (feet)	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well (feet)	Diam- eter of cas ing (in.)	of	Top of open inter-val (feet)	Bottom of open inter- val (feet)	Pri- mary use of water
0-46 0-47 0-48 0-49 0-50	26N25E05CAAA04 26N25E05CACA01 26N25E05CABD01 26N25E05CAAA01 26N25E05CAAA02	3,388 3,389 3,387 3,382 3,383	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	60 23 69 64 40	4 2 2 2 2	FFFFF	50 18 56 51 35	60 23 61 56 40	บ บ บ บ
0-51 0-52 0-53 0-54 0-55	27N24E36DAAC02 27N24E36DAAC03 27N25E31BCCD01 27N24E26ADCD01 27N24E26ABDC01	3,294 3,295 3,314 3,216 3,191	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	85 43 97 87 86	2 2 2 2 2	F F F F F	70 38 84 74 71	75 43 89 79 76	บ บ บ บ
0-56 0-57 0-58 0-59 0-60	27N24E13CCDB03 27N24E13CCDB01 27N24E13CCDB02 27N24E13CCDB02 27N24E13CCDA01 27N24E13CDCB01	3,095 3,101 3,101 3,103 3,129	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Kjr(?)	38 54 55 65 170	2 2 4 2 2	F F F F	26 45 45 52 150	31 50 55 57 160	บ บ บ บ
0-61 0-62 0-63 0-64 0-65	27N24E01CDAA01 27N25E29CDDD01 27N25E29BDBA01 25N26E05BADB01 25N26E22BBBB01	2,972 3,410 3,340 3,380 3,060	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	75 73 133 62 34	2 2 2 2 2	F F F F	60 58 118 47 18	65 63 123 52 24	บ บ บ บ
0-66	25N26E15CCCA01	3,060	Qvf	17	2	F	9	14	U
P-1 P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5	26N23E30DBD 01 26N24E31AAD 01 26N24E31AAD 02 26N24E30CDA 01 26N24E30DDAB01	3,640 3,720 3,720 3,635 3,660	Qvf KJke KJke Qvf KJke	63 290 215 40 192	4 4 6 4 8	- P -	63  94 30 	215 40	U - Н U Н
P-6 P-7 P-8 P-9 P-10	26N24E30DADC02 26N24E30DADC01 26N24E30CBC 01 26N24E30CBAD01 26N24E30DBC 01	3,660 3,660 3,610 3,600 3,635	Qvf KJke Qvf Kc Qvf	40 240 56	6 - 4 8 6	- - - P -	29 230 45	40 240 56	P U H H
P-11 P-12 P-13 P-14 P-15	26N24E30DBB 01 26N24E30DBD 02 26N24E30DAB 01 26N24E30ADC 01 26N24E30CBAA01	3,635 3,645 3,640 3,625 3,600	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Kc	54 58 62 60 289	6 6 4 4 8	P P - P	40 50 40 52	54 58 62 60	н н и н
P-16 P-17 P-18 P-19 P-20	26N24E30BCD 01 26N24E30BDB 01 26N24E30BDB 02 26N24E30ACB 01 26N24E30BBD 01	3,580 3,600 3,600 3,610 3,570	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	35 39 28 65 26	4 4 6 4 4	- P - P	34  58 	39  65 	Н Н Н Н
P-21 P-22 P-23 P-24 P-25	26N24E30BAC 01 26N24E19CDC 04 26N24E19CDC 01 26N24E19CDC 03 26N24E19CDC 02	3,580 3,370 3,580 3,580 3,580	Qvf Qvf Qvf Kc Qvf	37 25 30 37	- 4 4 6 6	- P P P	27  25 17	37  30 	Н Н Н Н
P-26 P-27 P-28 P-29 P-30	26N24E19CCD 01 26N24E19BDCC01 26N23E25AAA 01 26N23E25AAA 02 26N23E25AADA01	3,560 3,580 3,540 3,540 3,550	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	32 40 28 27 35	4 6 6 4 6	- P - - P	32 35  30	40   35	н н н н
P-31 P-32 P-33 P-34 P-35	26N23E24DDB02 26N23E24DDB01 26N23E24DDA 01 26N24E19CCB 01 26N24E19CCB 02	3,535 3,540 3,535 3,550 3,540	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	25 32 45 32 32	6 - 6 4 6	P - P - O	22  22 32 	25  45 	Н Н С Н

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Water level (feet)	Water- level source	Date water level measured	Dis- charge (gal/min)	Method of dis- charge measure- ment		Onsite spe- cific con- ductance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Date quality parameter measured	Site num- ber (pl. 2)
8.79 1.01 +4.96 1.24	s s s s	08-28-87 08-28-87 08-28-87 08-28-87 08-28-87	68 20 20 20 15	O E E E	8.0 9.5 8.0 7.5 7.5	609 830 590 710 615	7.2 7.1 7.4 7.4	10-18-87 10-17-87 10-17-87 10-17-87 10-17-87	0-46 0-47 0-48 0-49 0-50
+2.40 10.63 29.10 8.98 +15.17	s s s s	08-28-87 08-28-87 08-28-87 08-29-87 08-30-87	2   80	E - - E	8.5 8.0 8.5 9.0 8.5	1,520 1,900 730 1,280 2,170	7.1 7.2 7.7 7.4 7.1	11-05-87 11-05-87 11-05-87 11-05-87 11-05-87	0-51 0-52 0-53 0-54 0-55
9.23 15.08 15.11 15.60 15.67	s s s s	08-29-87 08-29-87 08-29-87 08-29-87 08-29-87	15 20 55 20 25	E E O E	8.5  9.0 8.5 9.0	2,690  3,020 2,900 2,850	7.0  6.8 6.8 6.8	11-04-87  10-16-87 11-04-87 11-04-87	0-56 0-57 0-58 0-59 0-60
62.85 22.55 91.99 5.03 12.71	s s s s	08-30-87 08-29-87 08-29-87 08-30-87 08-30-87	1 10 2 25 2	E E E E	8.0 8.5 8.0 10.0	613 869 440 2,520	7.5 7.3 7.5 7.2	11-04-87 11-04-87 11-03-87 11-03-87	0-61 0-62 0-63 0-64 0-65
4.44	s	08-30-87	2	E	10.0	680	7.3	11-03-87	0-66
47 32 53.19 22.00	D D S S	01-01-61 12-01-60 08-15-73 01-01-61	10 4 6 2 4	- R R - R	  	 628 720  822	   	10-25-73 08-15-73  10-25-73	P-1 P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5
64.75 +5.12 12 20.27 33.72	S S D S S	11-03-88 11-03-88 01-01-61 10-14-73 08-15-73	 2 10 10	- - - R -	10.5 11.5  	980 960   480	6.8 7.3  	11-03-88 11-03-88   08-15-73	P-6 P-7 P-8 P-9 P-10
31.10 41.75 45.00 23.51 16.27	s s s s	08-15-73 10-10-73 12-01-60 08-15-73 10-14-73	15 10 12 10	- - - - R	   	480   680 	   	08-15-73  08-15-73	P-11 P-12 P-13 P-14 P-15
24 15.85 13 49 8	D S R D	01-01-65 08-15-73 10-01-65 12-01-60 01-01-61	12 12 10 10	- - - -	   	 480   480	   	08-15-73  08-15-73	P-16 P-17 P-18 P-19 P-20
14 10.63 18 11.24	D S D S	01-01-61 08-14-73 09-01-73 08-14-73	10 5 10	- - R R	  	910  850  850	   	08-15-73 08-14-73  08-14-73	P-21 P-22 P-23 P-24 P-25
18 24.00 6.01 18 8	D S S D D	01-01-61 10-01-73 08-14-73 01-01-61 03-01-71	15 10 10 8 10	- - R - V	12.0	 530 	   	08-14-73 	P-26 P-27 P-28 P-29 P-30
18  21.60 22 9.70	D - S D S	09-01-73  08-14-73 01-01-61 08-14-73	7  23 4 6	- - - - R	 9.5  	520  630	7.1  	11-02-88  08-14-73	P-31 P-32 P-33 P-34 P-35

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Site num- ber (pl. 2)	Location number	Alti- tude of land surface (feet)	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well (feet)	Diam- eter of cas- ing (in.)	of	Top of open inter-val (feet)	Bottom of open inter- val (feet)	Pri- mary use of water
P-36 P-37 P-38 P-39 P-40	26N24E19CCB 03 26N23E24DDB 01 26N23E24DBD 02 26N23E24DBD 01 26N23E24DBD 01	3,540 3,520 3,500 3,500 3,510	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	25 21 23 26 33	6 4 6 4	P P P -	20 21 22 26 28	25  23  33	Н Н Н Н
P-41 P-42 P-43 P-44 P-45	26N23E24CADD01 26N23E24DBA 01 26N23E24DBBC01 26N23E24ACC 01 26N23E24BDC 01	3,510 3,490 3,480 3,480 3,480	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	40 21 40 32 31	4 4 6 4	- P -	34  35 	40  40 	H U H H
P-46 P-47 P-48 P-49 P-50	26N23E24BDB 01 26N23E24BBDD01 26N23E23AAD 01 26N23E23AAD 02 26N23E24BBC 01	3,470 3,460 3,480 3,460 3,460	Qvf Qvf Ke Ke Ke	34 26 69 48 91	4 6 6 6	- - P - P	34  45  69	 69  91	Н Н Н Р Н
P-51 P-52 P-53 P-54 P-55	26N23E14DDD 01 26N23E14DDA 04 26N23E14DDA 01 26N23E14DDA 05 26N23E14DDB 01	3,430 3,420 3,425 3,420 3,415	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	32 46 30 31 34	4 6 4 6 4	- P - P	32 35 28 27 34	 29 31	H H H U
P-56 P-57 P-58 P-59 P-60	26N23E14DDB 02 26N23E14DDA 03 26N23E14DDA 02 26N23E13CBC 01 26N23E13CBB 01	3,420 3,415 3,420 3,420 3,410	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	32 29 80 25 20	6 4 4 4	P P - -	26 35  21	32 46  25 	H H H U H
P-61 P-62 P-63 P-64 P-65	26N23E14DAAA01 26N23E14ADD 02 26N23E14ADD 01 26N23E14ADCB01 26N23E14ADC 01	3,400 3,400 3,400 3,390 3,385	Qvf Qvf Qvf Ke Qvf	20 23 37 180 25	4 6 6 6 4	- P P -	20 20  21	23 37  25	U H H H
P-66 P-67 P-68 P-69 P-70	26N23E14ADA 01 26N24E17BAAD01 26N23E14ABCB01 26N23E11DBC 02 26N23E11DBC 01	3,360 3,670 3,370 3,345 3,345	Qvf KJke Qvf Qvf Qvf	40   28 21	4 - 6 6 6	- - - P O	21  22 	40   28 	U - S H U
P-71 P-72 P-73 P-74 P-75	26N23E12CBB 01 26N23E12ACA 01 26N23E12ADDD01 26N23E11ABD 02 26N23E11ABD 01	3,330 3,320 3,370 3,315 3,320	Qvf Ke Qvf Qvf Qvf	35 37 45 21 46	6 6 4 6	P P F - P	25 13 20  36	37  	Н S Н Н
P-76 P-77 P-78 P-79 P-80	26N23E02DDB 01 26N23E02DAA 01 26N23E01CBB 01 26N23E01CBAB01 26N23E01BDCC01	3,310 3,295 3,270 3,265 3,255	Kjr Qvf Kcl Qvf Qvf	76 120 132 55 50	6 4 4 -	P P X -	27 26 60 	76  132 	н н - н н
P-81 P-82 P-83 P-84 P-85	26N23E02ADAD01 26N23E01BCB 01 26N24E05CBB 01 26N24E05CBC 02 26N24E05BBC 01	3,260 3,255 3,380 3,380 3,345	Qvf Qvf Kc Ke 	35 50 100 41	6 4 4 6 4	- - - P -	  50 	100	Н Н Н Н
P-86 P-87 P-88 P-89 P-90	27N24E31DBA 01 27N23E36CBD 01 27N23E36CBD 02 27N23E36CBD 03 27N23E36CBDB01	3,290 3,210 3,205 3,200 3,210	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	68 42 50 21 70	4 4 4 6	0 - - - G	  	   	H H I H H

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Water level (feet)	Water- level source	Date water level measured	Dis- charge (gal/min)	Method of dis- charge measure- ment	•	Onsite spe- cific con- ductance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Date quality parameter measured	Site num- ber (pl. 2)
15 12 12 15 11	D D S R D	09-01-73 01-01-61 10-01-73 01-01-61 08-01-65	10 7 10 12 10	- - - -		 600   530	  	08-14-73  08-14-73	P-36 P-37 P-38 P-39 P-40
22 9.00 26.45 18 24	D S S R D	03-01-61 01-01-61 10-01-73 01-01-61 01-01-61	15 15 10 8 10	R - - -	  	1,800    	  	08-09-69   	P-41 P-42 P-43 P-44 P-45
26.40 15 45 21 4	D R D D	01-01-61 07-01-65 04-01-68 04-01-69 11-01-72	12 8 5 5	- R R R	  	600 720   	  	08-09-73 08-09-73  	P-46 P-47 P-48 P-49 P-50
24.80 21 17 20 27	R D D R D	01-01-61 04-01-68 01-01-61 12-01-72 01-01-61	8.0 14 10 10	- - - -	  	   	  	   	P-51 P-52 P-53 P-54 P-55
25.00 5.17 28 13 12.12	S S D R S	10-01-73 08-09-73 01-01-61 01-01-61 07-17-73	10 10 1.0 4.0	- - - -	  	1,550   640	  	08-09-73   07-17-73	P-56 P-57 P-58 P-59 P-60
14 15 11  18	D R R  R	03-01-61 09-01-73 10-01-73  01-01-61	7.0 10 10  8.0	- - - -	10.5	  1,500 680	  9.0	   11-03-88 07-17-73	P-61 P-62 P-63 P-64 P-65
14  24.74 13.69	R - S S	01-01-61  11-04-88 08-09-73 07-01-65	2.0  10 8.0	- - - -	 9.0 	687 1,010 690	 7.2 	10-25-73 11-04-88 08-09-73	P-66 P-67 P-68 P-69 P-70
11.22 13 11.68 5.00 4.19	s D s s	07-17-73 03-01-70 08-15-73 01-01-61 08-09-73	15 8.0 20 2.0 10	- R - -	  	 659 	  	 10-25-73	P-71 P-72 P-73 P-74 P-75
14.07 20.17 43 4.55	s s D s	07-17-73 08-14-73 12-01-60 07-17-73	10 6.0 4.0 6.0 3.0	R - R -	   7.5	1,190 4,280  800 790	  	10-25-73 10-25-73  07-17-73 08-08-73	P-76 P-77 P-78 P-79 P-80
22.68 2.30 33 30 18	s s D D	11-02-88 07-17-73 01-01-61 11-01-72 02-01-61	12 5.0 10 8.0	- R R	10.5	2,150 1,460  	7.4  	11-02-88 07-17-73  	P-81 P-82 P-83 P-84 P-85
26 10  9.00	R - - S	02-01-61 07-01-61  03-01-61	3.0 15 50 15 32	- - - v	7.5 8.0  7.5	842  1,400	   7.2	10-25-73 10-01-73  10-31-88	P-86 P-87 P-88 P-89 P-90

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Site num- ber (pl. 2)	Location number	Alti- tude of land surface (feet)	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well (feet)		- Type of finish		Bottom of open inter- val (feet)	Pri- mary use of water
P-91 P-92 P-93 P-94	27N23E35DABA01 27N23E35ADD 01 27N23E36BBCD01 27N23E35AAAA01	3,270 3,250 3,190 3,195	Kjr Kjr Qvf Qvf	85 73 80	6 6 - 5	P P P	76 73 70	85  80	н н н н
P-95	27N23E34BCAB01	3,375	Kjr	232	6	P	150	232	s
P-96 P-97 P-98 P-99 P-100	27N23E25CBAD01 27N23E14DDBD01 27N23E14CAAD01 27N23E14CAAD01 27N23E14CADA01 28N23E34AAD 01	3,160 3,055 3,040 3,040 2,905	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	68 85 67 70 1 <b>4</b> 5	6 6 - 6	P P - X	79 57  62	85 67  145	H H U U
P-101 P-102 P-103 P-104 P-105	28N23E34AAD 02 28N23E34AAAC01 28N23E36BAB 01 28N23E25ADDA01 28N24E30BBCD01	2,900 2,902 2,860 2,840 2,858	Qvf Kjr Qvf Kjr	149  115 190	- 6 6	P - P P	129  105 171	149  115 181	H - H S
P-106 P-107 P-108 P-109 P-110	28N24E29DBAB01 26N24E02ACB 01 27N24E35CDC 01 27N24E35CDBC01 26N25E20BABA01	2,800 3,450 3,375 3,480 3,620	Qvf Ke Qvf Ke Kc	127 33 26  80	6 4 6 - 6	- P -	19 	26 	S H H - H
P-111 P-112 P-113 P-114 P-115	26N25E20ABD 01 26N25E17CDD 01 26N25E17BCAB01 26N25E08CCAA01 26N25E08DBC 01	3,720 3,610 3,560 3,470 3,475	KJke KJke Qvf Qvf Qvf	195 180 29 55 45	6 4 6 4	P P - P	160 156  40	195 180  55	Н Н Н Н
P-116 P-117 P-118 P-119 P-120	26N25E08BDC 03 26N25E08BDC 02 26N25E08BDC 01 26N25E08BCDB01 26N25E08BCA 02	3,455 3,455 3,480 3,480 3,450	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	30 31 39 49 47	6 4 4 6 6	P - - P P	25  43 41	30  49 47	Н Н И И
P-121 P-122 P-123 P-124 P-125	26N25E08BDA 01 26N25E08BDBC01 26N25E08BAD 01 26N25E08BCA 01 26N25E08BDA01	3,445 3,445 3,430 3,460 3,450	Qvf Qvf Qvf Ke Qvf	38 34 40 38 48	4 6 4 4 6	- O - - P	   42	   48	Н Н Н Н
P-126 P-127 P-128 P-129 P-130	26N25E08BAB 01 26N25E08BAB 02 26N25E05CDC 03 26N25E05CDC 04 26N25E08ABA 01	3,430 3,430 3,420 3,420 3,430	Qvf Qvf Ke Ke Qvf	42 33 76 134 42	6 4 4 6 4	P - - P	32  55 	42  134 	H U U H H
P-131 P-132 P-133 P-134 P-135	26N25E08ABA 02 26N25E05DCC 01 26N25E05CDC 01 26N25E05CDC 02 26N25E05CCB 01	3,430 3,415 3,430 3,420 3,440	Qvf Qvf Ke Ke Ke	41 35 75 76 42	6 4 4 4	0	  	  	Н Н U Р Н
P-136 P-137 P-138 P-139 P-140	26N25E05CDBD01 26N25E05CCA 01 26N25E05CBC 01 26N25E05CDA 01 26N25E05CDA 02	3,415 3,440 3,380 3,405 3,405	Kcl Ke Kc  Qvf	46 50 35 40	- 4 4 4 6	- - - P	   29	   40	- н н н
P-141 P-142 P-143 P-144 P-145	26N25E05CDA 03 26N25E05CAD 02 26N25E05CAD 03 26N25E05CAD 01 26N25E05CADA01	3,400 3,395 3,395 3,395 3,495	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	40 21 20 28 39	4 4 4 6	P - - - 0	21   	40	Н И Н И

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Water level (feet)	Water- level source	Date water level measured	Dis- charge (gal/min)	Method of dis- charge measure- ment	Onsite temper- ature (°C)	Onsite spe- cific con- ductance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Date quality parameter measured	Site num- ber (pl. 2)
53.84 46 	S D - -	11-03-88 10-01-73  	15 50 60	- R - -	11.0  8.5 8.5	1,110  848	7.2	11-03-88   03-29-73 07-12-73	P-91 P-92 P-93 P-94
154  18.18  +43	D - S - -	03-01-70  07-12-73  08-01-73	4 20 8  500	B - - - -	8.0 11.0 9.0	880 1,070 1,560	7.5	11-01-88 07-12-73 07-12-73	P-95 P-96 P-97 P-98 P-99 P-100
+43 78.00 116	D - s D	09-01-73 10-01-73 04-01-65	500  10 7	- - B	9.0 9.0 	3,190		10-01-73 10-25-73 	P-101 P-102 P-103 P-104 P-105
15 3.70 	D S -	02-01-61 08-13-73	1 10 	R - -	8.5   8.5	1,180 690	7.1	07-26-73  10-25-73 11-02-88	P-106 P-107 P-108 P-109 P-110
36 50 14 12 37	D D D D	04-01-71 10-01-72 02-01-61 03-01-71 02-01-61	10 10 10 20 10	R R - V		**		   	P-111 P-112 P-113 P-114 P-115
10 20 28 16	D D D	11-01-72 02-01-61 03-01-61 05-01-71	15 5 10 10	-					P-116 P-117 P-118 P-119 P-120
18 6.64 10 18 8.15	D S D D S	02-01-61 08-16-73 03-01-61 02-01-61 08-16-73	10 10 15 5 10	- - v -		510 460   560		08-16-73 08-16-73  08-16-73	P-121 P-122 P-123 P-124 P-125
5.08 7.50 51 9.93 12	S D D S D	08-16-73 02-01-61 02-01-61 08-16-73 02-01-61	10 5 2  7	- V R -		790  2,850 		08-16-73  08-16-73	P-126 P-127 P-128 P-129 P-130
12 12 18 35 28	D R D D	11-01-72 07-01-65 03-01-61 02-01-61 03-01-61	15 10 2 .5	R R R R		540  		08-16-73	P-131 P-132 P-133 P-134 P-135
16 35 18 16.55	D D S S	02-01-61 02-01-61 03-01-61 08-13-73	2 5 10 15	R R R		2,680		10-25-73	P-136 P-137 P-138 P-139 P-140
6 10 5 13 5.40	D D D S	02-01-61 02-01-61 02-01-61 02-01-61 08-16-73	5 2 2 8 10	-			  		P-141 P-142 P-143 P-144 P-145

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Site num- ber (pl. 2)	Location number	Alti- tude of land surface (feet)	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well (feet)	Diam- eter of cas- ing (in.)	of	Top of open interval (feet)	Bottom of open inter- val (feet)	Pri- mary use of water
P-146 P-147 P-148 P-149	26N25E05CAA 03 26N25E05ACAD01 26N25E05CAA 01 26N25E05CAA 02	3,390 3,410 3,390 3,390	Qvf QTt Qvf Qvf	37 30 43 38	4 4 4	- - - x		  	Н Н Н
P-150 P-151 P-152 P-153 P-154	26N25E05BDDA01 26N25E05BDDA02 26N25E05BDDD01 26N25E06ACB 01 27N25E32CCC 01	3,380 3,400 3,380 3,360 3,345	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	25 30 41 32 21	6 6 4 4	P P 	26 40 	30  	н н н н
P-155 P-156 P-157 P-158 P-159	27N25E31CDDB01 27N24E36DAAC01 27N24E26DADC01 27N24E26ADCA01 27N25E20BCD 01	3,320 3,320 3,220 3,210 3,250	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Kjr	37 30 52 85 115 99	6 4 6 6	- P - P P	27  76 110	30  85 115	Н Н Н Н
P-160 P-161 P-162 P-163 P-164	27N25E20BCA 01 26N25E11CAC 01 26N25E13BBA 01 26N25E12CDC 01 26N25E12CAC 01	3,240 3,260 3,230 3,210 3,205	Kjr Ke Ke Ke Q <b>v</b> f	40 65 79 29	4 4 4 6 6	- - - P P	   24 80	   29	Н Н Н Н
P-165 P-166 P-167 P-168 P-169	26N25E01ACAB01 27N25E25DACC01 27N25E25DADB01 27N26E29BCAC01 27N26E29BCBB01	3,150 2,980 2,970 2,890 2,895	Kjr Qvf Qvf Qvf	94 97 104 109	4 6 6 6	- P P P	90 97 101	97 104 109	Н Н Н
P-170 P-171 P-172 P-173 P-174	27N26E18CBAB01 27N26E17CBCB01 27N26E17CBCD01 27N26E21ACB 01 27N26E22BCA 01	2,875 2,820 2,825 2,810 2,790	Qvf Qvf Qvf Kjr Q <b>v</b> f	90 21 30 533 8	4 4 3 36	O P P O	88  26 415 	90  30 533 	Н Н И У S
P-175 P-176 P-177 P-178 P-179	26N26E33AAA 01 26N26E33AAA 02 25N26E05BAC 01 25N26E05DDBA01 25N26E08ADAA01	3,150 3,145 3,380 3,280 3,460	Qvf Qvf KJke Qvf Qvf	42 42 37 30 23	4 6 6 6	P P  P	37 31  21	37 	Н Н Н Н
P-180 P-181 P-182 P-183 P-184	25N26E08ADD 02 25N26E08ADDA01 25N26E09BCC 01 25N26E09CDB 01 25N26E16BDA 01	3,230 3,230 3,215 3,180 3,130	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	25 14 30 20 14	6 6 6	P C P - O	15  19 	   	Н Т Н Н
P-185 P-186	25N25E23ABC 01 25N25E24DCBA01	3,560	Qvf Qvf	35	6 6	P P	29 28		U H

Table 13.--Records of wells--Continued

Water level (feet)	Water- level source	Date water level measured	Dis- charge (gal/min)	Method of dis- charge measure- ment		Onsite spe- cific con- ductance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Date quality parameter measured	Site num- ber (pl. 2)
18 11	D D	03-01-61	8 2	- V					P-146 P-147
6	D	02-01-61 02-01-61	2 8	- -					P-147 P-148
9	D	02-01-61	8	_					P-149
2.23	S	11-01-88		-	7.5	700	7.4	11-01-88	P-150
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	-		7	-	7.0	520	8.0	10-25-73	P-152
5.85 8.27	s s	08-13-73 08-13-73	2 10	-		3,700 		08-13-73	P-153 P-154
3.44	S	08-13-73	10	-		630		08-13-73	P-155
10	D	08-01-65	10	_					P-156
6.77	S	08-13-73	12	-				<del></del>	P-157
+1	R	05-01-71	10	-		1,230		08-13-73	P-158
68 65	R R	04-01-71 02-01-61	2	– R		 			P-159 P-160
20	D	02-01-61	2	V					P-161
5 <b>4</b>	D	02-01-61	3	R					P-162
13	D D	02-01-61 08-01-65	10 8	R -					P-163 P-164
77	D	08-01-65	6	R					P-165
56.39	s	07-25-73	8	V		1,480		07-25-73	P-166
53.09	S	07-25-73	10	-				<del></del>	P-167
3.40	S	07-25-73	40	_		3,000		07-25-73	P-168
5.79	S	07-25-73	20	R	10.5			07-25-73	P-169
	-		2	-					P-170
3.03	S	07-01-73	2	-					P-171
9.20 150	s D	07-01-73 10-01-59	6 12	B B					P-172 P-173
6.40	S	07-25-73	1 Z	<u>Б</u>					P-174
18.00	Š	03-01-61	101	-					P-175
9.00	s	11-01-72	15	-					P-176
15	D	05-01-71	10	R					P-177
	-	01-01-65	5	R					P-178
11 12	D D	06-01-65 03-01-71	10 8	_				 	P-179 P-180
	D	03-01-11	_	_					F-190
10	D	01-01-42	25	R					P-181
6	D	06-01-65	10	-					P-182
12 10	D D	07-01-65 09-01-58	6 200	-					P-183 P-184
10	0	06-01-65	10	_					P-184 P-185
14	0	07-01-65	6	-					P-186

Table 14. -- Records of test holes

Site number--numbering system described in text. Location number--numbering system described in text. Altitude of land surface--reported in feet above sea level. Deepest geologic unit penetrated--

Kb - Upper Cretaceous Bearpaw Shale
Kjr - Upper Cretaceous Judith River Formation
Kcl - Upper Cretaceous Claggett Shale
Kc - Upper and Lower Cretaceous Colorado Group
KJke - Lower Cretaceous to Middle Jurassic Kootenai

Formation and Ellis Group

Depth drilled--reported in feet below land surface.

Site num- ber (pl. 2)	Location number	Altitude of land surface (feet)	Deepest geologic unit pene- trated	Depth drilled (feet)	Date hole drilled
T-1	25N23E08AAAA01	3,650	Kjr	60	08-28-87
T-2	26N24E32BBBB01	3,700	KÍke	80	07-06-87
T-3	26N24E30CCAC01	3,640	Kc	60	07-07-87
T-4	26N24E30BAAA01	3,600	Kc	40	07-09-87
T-5	26N23E14AACD01	3,380	Kc	20	07-11-87
T-6	27N23E36CCDA01	3,240	Kjr	130	07-12-87
T-7	27N23E36CDCD01	3,220	Kjr	80	07-13-87
T-8 T-9	27N23E13CCBC01 27N23E13CCAB01	3,060	Kjr	80	07-21-87 07-21-87
T-10	27N23E13CCAB01 27N23E09ACAD01	3,070 2,965	Kjr Kjr	80 125	07-23-87
1-10		•	זנא		
T-11	27N23E09ADBB01	2,960	Kjr	130	07-23-87
T-12	27N23E09AADC01	2,940	Kjr	130	07-22-87
T-13 T-14	27N24E35CCBB01	3,400	KJke	40	08-19-87
T-15	27N24E35CCBA01 27N24E17DBAB01	3,370 2,990	KJke Kjr	40 80	08-13-87 08-18-87
	Z / NZ TEI / DBRBUI		K)I	00	00-10-07
T-16	27N24E16BBDC01	2,970	Kjr	120	08-18-87
T-17	27N24E16BBDA01	2,960	Kjr	90	08-18-87
T-18	27N24E16BABD02 27N24E16BABD01	2,950 2,950	Kjr	40 80	08-18-87 08-18-87
T-19 T-20	27N24E16BABD01 27N24E16BAAC01	2,980	Kjr Kjr	40	08-18-87
		•	•		
T-21	28N24E32CCBB01	2,855	Kjr	130	08-25-87
T-22	26N25E17CDCC01	3,640	KJke	35	08-30-87
T-23 T-24	26N25E05ACCB01 27N24E36DADB01	3,420 3,320	Kcl Kcl	35 60	07-26-87 08-19-87
T-25	27N25E31CBBB01	3,320	Kcl	80	07-27-87
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T-26	27N25E31CBBA01	3,300	Kcl	80	07-27-87
T-27	27N24E01CBCD01	3,000	Kjr	120	08-16-87
T-28	27N24E01CACC01	3,010	Kjr	120	08-15-87
T-29 T-30	27N24E01CDAB01 27N24E01DCBC01	2,960 3,030	Kjr	65 140	08-15-87 08-15-87
1-30	Z/NZ4EUIDCBCUI	3,030	Kjr	140	06-13-67
T-31	27N24E01DDBC01	3,050	Kjr	190	08-16-87
T-32	27N25E29CDCD01	3,390	Kjr	130	08-17-87
T-33	27N25E19AABC01	3,210	Kjr	130	08-29-87
T-34 T-35	27N25E19ABDB01 27N25E19AAAA01	3,240 3,230	Kjr Kjr	120 132	08-29-87 08-29-87
1-35	Z /NZSEI 9AAAAUI	3,230	K)I	132	06-29-67
T-36	25N26E09CBBB01	3,220	Kc	20	08-27-87
T-37	25N26E09BCCD01	3,220	Kc	20	08-27-87
T-38	25N26E09BCBD01	3,220	Kc	20	08-27-87
T-39 T-40	25N26E09BCDB01 25N26E15CCAD01	3,220 3,070	Kc Kc	30 40	08-27-87 08-26-87
1-40	SOMS DETOCKADOT	3,070	AC.	40	00-20-01
T-41	25N26E15CACA01	3,070	Kb	40	08-26-87
T-42	25N26E15BDDD01	3,070	Kb	40	08-26-87
T-43	25N26E15ACBC01	3,070	Kb	20	08-26-87
T-44	26N26E33CDBD01	3,650	Kc	40	08-27-87

## Table 15.--Lithologic logs of selected observation wells and test holes

[Particle-size descriptions are based on report of National Research Council (1947). Abbreviations: ft, feet; gal/min, gallons per minute; h, hours]

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: 0-6 Completed: July 8, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil and clay, brown	10	10
Gravel, loose; zones of cobbles; caving down-hole; losing circulation of drilling fluid	40	50
Colluvium: Gravel and clay, tight; minor quantity of white clay; poor returns because of uphole wash-in	15	65
Colorado Group: Shale, black, tight	32	97
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 35-45 ft. Well produced water with compressed air but water cleared slowly.		
Site number: 0-8 Completed: July 9, 1987		
Alluvium: Gravel, sand, and clay, tight	25 3 2 18 1 6	25 28 30 48 49 55
Colorado Group: Shale, black, tight	5	60
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 44-54 ft. Well produced about 20 gal/min with compressed air.		
Site number: 0-9 Completed: July 10, 1987		
Alluvium: Gravel, sand, and brown clay, tight	25 3 2 18 1 6	25 28 30 48 49 55
Colorado Group: Shale, black, tight	5	60
<u>Remarks</u> : Set 20-slot screen at 43-53 ft. Well produced about 40 gal/min with compressed air.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: 0-12		
Completed: July 10, 1987		
Alluvium: Clay, brown; includes minor quantity of white clay stringers Gravel, loose; rounded to angular		21 42
Colorado Group: Shale, gray	10	52
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 35-40 ft with 8 ft of tail pipe. Well produced abundant water with compressed air.		
Site number: 0-13 Completed: August 28, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil and clay Gravel and sand, loose; gravel 40 percent well-rounded, 40 percent subangular, and 20 percent subrounded		21 40
Colorado Group: Shale, gray		47
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 30-40 ft with no tail pipe. Well produced about 40-50 gal/min with compressed air; well water cleared after developing 2.5 h.	·	1,
Site number: O-19 Completed: August 14, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Soil and clay, brown, sticky	4 8 1 13 2	14 18 26 27 40
Gravel, loose; larger and more rounded than above  Judith River Formation: Clay, soft; grading to hard at 52 ft; probably weathered shale	6	4 <b>9</b> 55 60
Remarks: Set 30-slot screen at 43-48 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 20 gal/min with compressed air; well water cleared quickly.		
Site number: 0-20 Completed: July 12, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Clay, brown. Sand, fine, gray. Clay, brown. Gravel, loose. Clay, gray, sandy. Gravel, loose.	3 3 2 10	12 15 18 20 30 35
Judith River Formation: Shale, light-bluish-green, tight, sandy	20	55
Remarks: Set screen at 30-35 ft. Well produced about 10 gal/min with compressed air; well water cleared poorly.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: O-21 Completed: July 12, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Clay, sandy, brown Gravel, hematite stained Clay, gray, sticky, gritty Sand (?), no returns Gravel, loose; losing circulation of drilling fluid	18 3 34 5 15	18 21 55 60 75
Judith River Formation: Shale, sandy, gray, very soft; drills similar to clay	20	95
Remarks: Set screen at 69-74 ft with 8 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 40 gal/min with compressed air; well water cleared quickly.		
Site number: 0-22 Completed: July 13, 1987  Alluvium and glacial deposits: Soil and clay, medium-brown. Gravel, loose	16 3 36 5 15	16 19 55 60 75
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 65-75 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe. Well produced more than 50 gal/min with compressed air but well water cleared slowly because of loss of 8-10 bags of bentonite into aquifer during drilling.		
Site number: 0-23 Completed: October 14, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits:  Soil and clay	18 3 31 8 17	18 21 52 60 77
<pre>Judith River Formation: Shale, bluish-gray, sandy; very soft</pre>	10	87
Remarks: Set 60-slot stainless-steel screen at 62-77 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: 0-24 Completed: July 12, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Soil and clay, brown. Gravel, small, sandy. Clay, brown, soft. Gravel, loose. Clay, brown. Sand, fine. Gravel, loose.	23 5 17 2 10 3	23 28 45 47 57 60 63
Colluvium: Gravel, sand, and clay, tight	15	78
Judith River Formation: Shale, gray, sandy; soft weathered zone at top is clay  Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 60-65 ft with 8 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 5 gal/min with compressed air; well water would not clear.	12	90
Site number: 0-26 Completed: August 14, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits:  Soil and clay, brown; stiff, gray at base	19 3 58 14	19 22 80 94
Claggett Shale: Shale, dark-gray, hard	16	110
Site number: 0-32 Completed: July 23, 1987 Alluvium and glacial deposits: Clay, silty; includes small gravel and coarse sand; oxidized brown at 0-30 ft then		
gray at 30-105 ft; possible sand layer at 65-70 ft	105 17	105 122
Clay, gray, very sandy  Judith River Formation:	10	132
Shale, black, hard	8	140
of tail pipe.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: 0-33		
Completed: July 24, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Clay, silty; includes small gravel and coarse sand; oxidized brown at 0-42 ft then		
gray at 42-83 ft; fine, gray sand at 50-70 ft	95 20	95 115
Clay, tightGravel, loose	3 5	118 123
Judith River Formation: Shale, black, hard	12	135
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 110-120 ft.		
Site number: 0-34		
Completed: July 24, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Clay, silty; includes small gravel and coarse sand; oxidized brown at 0-42 ft then		
gray at 42-83 ft, few cobbles	83 12	83 95
Clay, gray with blue tint, soft, very sandy	50	145
<u>Judith River Formation</u> : Shale, soft; grading to harder	5	150
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 90-95 ft with saw slots at 85-90 and 10 ft of tail pipe.		
Site number: O-35 Completed: August 13, 1987		
Alluvium: Clay, silty, soft, sandy in parts; black at 0-5 ft, oxidized grayish-brown at 5-15 ft, gray at 15-55 ft; sandy and pebbly at 20-30 ft, siltier at 30-55 ft Gravel, small to coarse; broken pieces, coarser at base	55 7	55 62
Ellis Group: Shale, dark-gray, firm; drilling with pull-down, possible sandstone at 70-72 ft	10	72
Remarks: Set 30-slot screen at 57-62 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe. Well would not produce water with compressed air; water level 3 ft above bottom of screen.		
Site number: 0-41		
Site number: 0-41 Completed: July 25, 1987		
Colluvium and alluvium: Soil and clay, medium-brown	8	8
Gravel, loose	13 1	21 22
Gravel, sand, and clay, tight; need pull-down to drill	7 6	29 35
Gravel, sand, and clay, tight	14 6	49 55
Colorado Group: Shale, black, hard	5	60
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 50-55 ft.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: 0-42 Completed: August 27, 1987		
Alluvium: Clay, dark-brown, silty, stiff, carbonaceous in parts. Gravel and sand. Clay, brown, silty, soft. Gravel and sand, as above. Clay, brown, silty, soft. Gravel and sand, as above. Clay, gray, stiff. Gravel, loose, fine to coarse; broken, subangular cobbles in part.	10 1 11 1 2 2 8 19	10 11 22 23 25 27 35 54
Colorado Group: Shale, firm; slow drilling	2	56
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 44-54 ft. Well produced about 80 gal/min with compressed air; well water cleared after developing 1.5 h.		
Site number: 0-45 Completed: August 12, 1987		
Alluvium: Clay, gray, smooth. Gravel, fine to coarse, subangular. Clay, gray Sand, fine; no returns. Clay, brown grading to gray, soft, gritty. Gravel (as above). Clay, gray Sand, fine; poor returns. Gravel (as above).	10 5 5 15 1 4 9	10 15 20 25 40 41 45 54
Claggett Shale: Shale, hard, black	13	71
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 50-55 ft with saw cuts at 55-58 ft and 10 ft of tail pipe. Well flowed barely at top of casing; produced about 30 gal/min with compressed air.		
Site number: 0-46 Completed: August 12, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil and clay; possible sand Gravel, fine to coarse, subangular Clay, gray Gravel, loose	40 1 12 4	40 41 53 57
Claggett Shale: Shale, black, hard	3	60
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 50-60 ft.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
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Site number: 0-48 Completed: August 12, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil and clay Sand (?); no returns	25 1	25 26
Clay, tight; need pull-down to drill	15 3	41 44
pull-down     Gravel, loose	12 4	5 <b>6</b> <b>6</b> 0
Claggett Shale: Shale, black, hard; need hard pull-down to drill	10	70
Remarks: Set 30-slot screen at 56-61 ft with 8 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 20 gal/min with compressed air; well water was clear.		
Site number: 0-53 Completed: July 27, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil and clay, brown, soft, sticky at 0-20 ft; grading to gray and slightly harder but still no grit at 30 ft; getting harder and darker at 60 ft	83 6	83 89
Claggett Shale: Clay, grading to shale	5 14	94 108
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 84-89 ft with 8 ft of tail pipe.		
Site number: 0-58 Completed: August 11, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits:  Soil and clay	5 8 32 7	5 13 45 52
Judith River Formation: Shale, dark-gray, gritty, hard	8	60
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 45-55 ft. Well produced about 50 gal/min with compressed air.		
Site number: 0-61 Completed: August 15, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Soil and clay, brown, hard, brittle, gritty	10	10
Gravel, sand, and clay, tight	6 24	16 40
Gravel, sand, and clay, tight; need pull-down to drill; few large cobbles; weathered rocks in returns, white clay as at well O-2, small broken gravel pieces	30	70
<pre>Judith River Formation: Shale, dark-gray, gritty; weathered on top</pre>	10	80
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 60-65 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 1 gal/min with compressed air even after multiple backflushes; well water would not clear.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	interval
Site number: 0-62 Completed: August 17, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Gravel, loose; coarse sand to fine gravel, 10 percent angular, 40 percent subrounded, and 50 percent rounded	19 8	31 50 58
110-120 ft, hole stays open		123
pull-down to drill; drilling chatter, broken pieces		131 140
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 58-63 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe and packer installed below wash-down valve. Well produced about 8-10 gal/min with compressed air; well water was clear.		
Site number: 0-63 Completed: August 17, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Soil and clay, light brown	12	3 20 32 60
hard pull-down to drill; mud is dark yellowish brown at 100 ft		104 118 122
<u>Judith River Formation</u> :  Shale; weathered sandstone(?) at 122-127 ft; grading to hard brittle bluish-gray sandstone at 127-142 ft; extremely hard drilling, some clay or shale in sandstone	20	142
Remarks: Set 30-slot screen at 118-123 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe; developed with compressed air for 2 h. Well took about 30 gal/min from water truck but only produced 1-2 gal/min with compressed air.		
Site number: 0-64 Completed: August 27, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil, sand	5 14 7 2 2 2	5 19 26 28 30 32
Colluvium and alluvium: Gravel, sand, and clay, tighter; abundant white clay	8 3 1 8	40 43 44 52
Colorado Group: Shale, very silty, medium-bluish-gray; need maximum pull-down to drill	18	70
Remarks: Set screen at 47-52 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 25 gal/min with compressed air; well water was clear.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	interval
Site number: 0-65 Completed: August 26, 1987	- Lind - And	
Alluvium: Soil, clay, dark-gray; appears similar to shale	1 5 <b>4</b>	9 10 15 19 24
Bearpaw Shale: Shale, dark-gray	16	40
Remarks: Set 20-slot screen at 18.5-23.5 ft with 10 ft of tail pipe. Well produced about 2 gal/min with compressed air; well water was fairly clear.		
Site number: 0-66 Completed: August 26, 1987		
Alluvium: Soil, clay	9 4	9 13
Bearpaw Shale: Shale, medium-gray, soft; drills easily, smooth; layer of bentonite 30-35 ft	47	60
Remarks: Set screen at 9-14 ft with 3 ft of tail pipe and packer installed below wash-down-valve; well produced about 1-2 gal/min with compressed air; well water would not clear.		
Site number: T-14 Completed: August 13, 1987		
Alluvium: Clay, silty, soft; dark-brown at 0-5 ft, mottled gray-brown at 5-15 ft Gravel and sand, loose; interbedded with gray silty clay, gravel fine to coarse,	15	15
broken pieces	8	23
Ellis Group: Shale, dark-gray, hard, tight	17	40
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.		
Site number: T-27 Completed: August 16, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Gravel, sand, and clay; soft sand at 70-73 ft, boulder gravel at 106-109 ft	115	115
Judith River Formation: Shale	5	120
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.		

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: T-28 Completed: August 15, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Gravel, sand, and clay; appears similar to till in nearby cutbank	87 11 6	87 98 104
<u>Judith River Formation</u> : Shale; weathered at top grading to dark-gray, hard, and gritty	16	120
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.		
Site number: T-29 Completed: August 15, 1987		
Alluvium and glacial deposits: Soil and clay	3 7	3 10
pull-down to drill	30 23	40 63
Judith River Formation: Shale, gray, hard, tight, gritty	2	65
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.		
Site number: T-30 Completed: August 15, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Gravel, sand, and clay; rocky zones at 7-13 ft, 23-26 ft, and others; brown clay matrix at 0-75 ft and gray at 75-91 ft	91 32	91 123
Judith River Formation: Shale	17	140
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.	1,	140
Site number: T-31 Completed: August 16, 1987 Glacial deposits: Gravel, sand, and clay; mostly sandy clay with few gravel layers; brown at 0-75 ft		
and gray at 75-110 ft; gray clay is similar to shale bedrock but is softer and includes small pebbles	110	110
Shale, gritty, sandy; same color as overlying deposits but harder with no pebbles; hard sandstone(?) ledges at 152-153 ft, 161-162 ft, 176-177 ft	80	190
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.		

 ${\tt Table~15.--Lithologic~logs~of~selected~observation~wells~and~test~holes--Continued}$ 

Description	Thick- ness pene- trated (ft)	Bottom of interval below land surface (ft)
Site number: T-33 Completed: August 29, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Soil and clay, brown, tight	10 5	10 15
Clay, light-gray-brown, includes coarse sand and pebbles, few cobbles, medium-gray sandy at 40-94 ft; drilling smooth, clay sticky	79	94
Gravel, sand, and clay, gravel small and angular, abundant white clay; need pull-down to drill	8 11	102 113
Judith River Formation: Shale, medium-gray; similar to clay above but harder and more brittle without pebbles.  Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.	17	130
Site number: T-34 Completed: August 29, 1987 Glacial deposits:		
Soil and clay, minor small gravel; brown at 0-50 ft and gray below 50 ft; very sandy with pebbles and few rocks; extremely hard gneiss or quartzite boulder at 63-64.5 ft, ruined drill bit, very slow penetration with new bit	72	72
Gravel, sand, and clay, tight	4 39	76 115
Judith River Formation: Shale, dark-gray, tight	5	120
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.		
Site number: T-35		
Completed: August 29, 1987		
Glacial deposits: Gravel, sand, and clay, varying quantities of small angular gravel. Clay, brown, with pebbles. Gravel, sand, and clay, almost loose at places. Clay, gray, with sand and pebbles; losing circulation of drilling fluid. Gravel, sand, and clay, tight; need pull-down to drill, poor returns.	45 10 10 51 14	45 55 65 116 130
Judith River Formation: Shale	2	132
Remarks: Back-filled hole with cuttings and bentonite.	_	

## Table 16.--Records of water levels in monitoring wells

[Water level--in feet below or above (+) land surface. MS, conditions of measurement. First column (M) is method of measurement--S, steel tape; V, calibrated electric tape. Second column (S) is site status--D, dry]

Site 0-2			
WATER DATE LEVEL MS DATE	WATER E LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS
AUG 26, 1987 45.17 S FEB 11, SEP 24 46.39 S MAR 02 NOV 05 47.10 S APR 06 DEC 04 47.42 S MAY 04 JAN 13, 1988 47.05 S 05	1988 45.88 S JUN 46.77 S JUL 47.47 S AUG 45.23 S SEP 45.20 S OCT	07 44.93 S E 5 5 5 6 7 47.80 S E	OV 03, 1988 48.42 S DEC 14 47.37 S VAN 11, 1989 48.24 S EB 22 46.51 S ARR 29 47.37 S
HIGHEST 44.88 JUN 01, 1988 LOWEST 48.42 NOV 03, 1988			
Site O-9			
WATER DATE LEVEL MS DATE	WATER E LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS	DATE WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 26, 1987 12.79 S JAN 13, SÉP 24 13.76 S FEB 11 OCT 17 14.26 S MAR 03 NOV 05 14.45 S APR 06 18 14.57 S MAY 04 DEC 04 14.68 S JUN 01	1988 15.13 S JUN 15.23 S JUL 15.10 S AUG 15.11 S SEP 15.44 S OCT 13.50 S NOV	07 14.01 S 3 10 15.23 S F 07 15.89 S S	DEC 14, 1988 16.18 S (AN 11, 1989 16.24 S (EB 22 16.34 S (IAR 29 15.68 S
HIGHEST 12.79 AUG 26, 1987 LOWEST 16.34 FEB 22, 1989			
Site 0-10			
WATER DATE LEVEL MS DATE	WATER E LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS
AUG 26, 1987 20.05 S FEB 11, SEP 24 19.92 S MAR 02 NOV 05 19.90 S APR 06 DEC 04 20.08 S MAY 05 JAN 13, 1988 19.78 S JUN 01	1988 19.50 S JUL 18.94 S AUG 19.27 S SEP 19.70 S OCT 19.33 S NOV	10 20.43 S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	EC 14, 1988 20.11 S AN 11, 1989 19.97 S EB 22 20.08 S AR 29 19.38 S
HIGHEST 18.94 MAR 02, 1988 LOWEST 20.63 SEP 07, 1988			
<u>Site 0-13</u>			
WATER DATE LEVEL MS DATE	WATER E LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS	DATE LEVEL MS
AUG 28, 1987 19.10 S JAN 13, SEP 24 20.67 S FEB 11, OCT 19 21.32 S MAR 03 NOV 05 21.61 S APR 06 DEC 04 21.97 S MAY 05	1988 22.28 S JUN 22.06 S JUN 22.00 S JUL 21.71 S AUG 21.08 S SEP	28 19.66 S D 07 19.38 S J 10 20.52 S F	OV 03, 1988 21.94 S EC 14 22.02 S AN 11, 1989 22.13 S EB 22 22.22 S IAR 29 21.96 S
HIGHEST 18.94 JUN 01, 1988 LOWEST 22.28 JAN 13, 1988			
Site 0-16			
WATER DATE LEVEL MS DATE	WATER E LEVEL MS	WATER DATE LEVEL MS	DATE WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 27, 1987 4.08 S FEB 11, SEP 24 4.35 S MAR 03 NOV 05 4.54 S APR 06 DEC 04 4.68 S MAY 05 JAN 13, 1988 4.69 S JUN 01	1988 4.62 S JUN 4.85 S JUL 4.92 S AUG 5.25 S SEP 5.79 S OCT	07 5.20 S D 10 5.49 S J 07 5.68 S F	OV 03, 1988 5.42 S EC 14 5.42 S AN 11, 1989 5.23 S EB 22 4.75 S AR 29 4.77 S
HIGHEST 4.08 AUG 27, 1987 LOWEST 5.79 JUN 01, 1988			

<u>Site 0-17</u>							
	TER VEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
SEP 24 15 NOV 05 15	.95 S .97 S .86 S .77 S	JAN 13, 1988 FEB 10 MAR 02 APR 06	15.78 S 15.83 S 15.86 S 15.87 S	MAY 05, 1988 JUN 01 AUG 10 SEP 07	15.92 S 15.77 S 16.50 S 16.62 S	OCT 05, 1988	16.49 S
HIGHEST 15.77 LOWEST 16.62		, 1987 JUN 01, 198 , 1988	8				
Site 0-18							
	TER VEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
SEP 24 7 NOV 05 6	.17 S .11 S .67 S .56 S	JAN 13, 1988 FEB 10 MAR 02 APR 06	6.27 S 6.10 S 5.85 S 6.52 S	MAY 05, 1988 JUN 01 JUL 07 AUG 10	6.91 S 7.11 S 7.78 S 8.39 S	SEP 07, 1988 OCT 05 NOV 03 DEC 14	8.50 S 7.59 S 7.21 S 7.07 S
	MAR 02, SEP 07,						
<u>Site 0-19</u>							
	TER VEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
	.22 S .29 S	FEB 11, 1988 MAR'03	7.05 S 7.01 V	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 10	7.84 S 7.93 S	DEC 14, 1988 JAN 11, 1989	7.63 V 7.56 V
DEC 04 7	.26 S .17 S .08 V	APR 06 MAY 05 JUN 01	7.05 S 7.16 S 7.25 S	SEP 07 OCT 15 NOV 03	7.96 S 7.73 S 7.64 S	FEB 22 MAR 29	7.60 S 7.43 S
	MAR 03 SEP 14,						
Site 0-22							
	TER VEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
SEP 14 3 NOV 05 3 DEC 04 3	.88 S .93 S .92 S .93 S .81 S	FEB 11, 1988 MAR 03 APR 06 MAY 05 JUN 01	3.77 S 3.76 S 3.79 S 3.85 S 4.01 S	JUN 21, 1988 JUL 07 AUG 10 SEP 07 OCT 05	3.92 S 4.32 S 4.29 S 4.26 S 4.15 S	NOV 03, 1988 DEC 14 JAN 11, 1989 FEB 22 MAR 29	4.09 S 4.14 S 4.13 S 4.19 S 4.16 S
	MAR 03, JUL 07,						
Site 0-25							
	TER VEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
	.08 S	FEB 11, 1988 MAR 03	15.54 S 15.53 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 10	15.85 S 16.11 S	DEC 14, 1988 JAN 11, 1989	15.20 S 14.96 S
24 16 DEC 04 15	.14 S .73 S .54 S	APR 06 MAY 05 JUN 01	15.49 S 15.39 S 15.38 S	SEP 07 OCT 05 NOV 03	16.28 S 16.14 S 15.33 S	FEB 22 MAR 29	14.69 S 15.03 S
HIGHEST 14.69 LOWEST 16.28							
Site 0-26							
	TER VEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
SEP 14 14 24 14 14 14 14 14 15 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16	.27 S .32 S .29 S .15 S .09 S	FEB 11, 1988 MAR 03 APR 06 MAY 05 JUN 01 21	13.90 S 13.92 S 13.94 S 13.98 S 14.30 S 14.47 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 10 SEP 06 OCT 05 NOV 03 DEC 14	14.75 S 14.67 S 14.55 S 14.41 S 14.35 S 14.43 S	JAN 11, 1989 FEB 22 MAR 29	14.42 S 14.52 S 14.51 S

HIGHEST 13.90 FEB 11, 1988 LOWEST 14.75 JUL 07, 1988

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Site 0-27					
WATER DATE LEVEL	MS DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE WATER		WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 27, 1987 16.78 SEP 24 17.91 NOV 05 17.82 DEC 04 17.74 JAN 14, 1988 17.63	S MAR 03 S APR 06 S MAY 05	17.60 S JUI 17.60 S AUG 17.42 S SEP	1 21, 1988     17.70       0, 07     17.74       10     17.78       06     17.74       05     17.74	S DEC 18 S JAN 11, 1989 S FEB 22	17.66 S 17.71 S 17.58 S 17.56 S 17.52 S
HIGHEST 16.78 AUG LOWEST 17.91 SEP					
Site 0-29					
WATER DATE LEVEL	MS DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE LEVEL		WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 27, 1987 22.64 SEP 24 22.47 NOV 05 22.46 DEC 04 22.49 JAN 14, 1988 22.45	S MAR 03 S APR 06 S MAY 05	22.40 S AUG 23.02 S SEP 22.54 S OCT	07, 1988 22.54 10 22.61 07 22.75 05 22.61 03 22.38	S JAN 11, 1989 S FEB 22 S MAR 30	22.51 S 22.41 S 22.51 S 22.43 S
HIGHEST 22.38 NOV LOWEST 23.02 APR					
<u>Site 0-30</u>					
DATE LEVEL	MS DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE WATER LEVEL		WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 27, 1987 8.43 SEP 24 8.38 NOV 05 8.29 DEC 04 8.27 JAN 13, 1988 8.15	S MAR 02 S APR 06 S MAY 05	7.99 S AUG 8.16 S SEP 8.30 S OCT	07, 1988 8.50 10 8.74 06 8.88 05 8.77 03 8.60	S FEB 22, 1989 S MAR 29 S	8.53 S 8.26 S 8.11 S
HIGHEST 7.99 MAR LOWEST 8.88 SEP				·	
Site 0-33					
DATE LEVEL	MS DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE WATER LEVEL		WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 27, 1987 4.62 SEP 11 4.66 24 4.68 NOV 05 4.45 DEC 04 4.42	S FEB 11 S MAR 02 S APR 06	4.62 S JUL 4.32 S AUG 4.35 S SEP	02, 1988 4.28 07 4.25 10 4.53 06 4.56 05 4.54	S DEC 14 S FEB 22, 1989 S MAR 29	4.49 S 4.47 S 4.32 S 4.26 S
HIGHEST 4.25 JUL LOWEST 4.68 SEP					
Site 0-34					
DATE LEVEL	MS DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE WATER LEVEL		WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 27, 1987 37.67 SEP 11 38.18 24 37.97 JAN 14, 1988 37.97 FEB 11 37.73	S APR 06 S MAY 05 S JUN 02	38.00 S SEP 38.01 S OCT 38.02 S NOV	10, 1988 38.12 06 38.13 05 38.13 03 38.05 14 38.12	S MAR 29 S S	37.97 S 37.90 S
HIGHEST 37.67 AUG LOWEST 38.18 SEP					
Site 0-39					
WATER DATE LEVEL	MS DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE WATER LEVEL		WATER LEVEL MS
DEC 03		SD AUG SD SEP	07, 1988 09 07 04 03	SD DEC 14, 1988 SD JAN 10, 1989 SD FEB 22 SD MAR 30 SD	SD SD SD SD
	25, 1987 25, 1987				

Table 16.--Records of water levels in monitoring wells--Continued

Si	te	0-	42

<u>Site 0-42</u>							
DATE LEV	ER El Ms	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
	55 S MA	B 10, 1988 R 02	42.41 S 44.34 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 09	40.46 S	JAN 10, 1989 FEB 22	49.86 S 50.03 S
18 29. DEC 03 32.	38 S MA	R 05 Y 04 N 01 27	46.47 S 47.54 S 40.28 S 39.61 S	SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 04 DEC 14	43.65 S 47.05 S 49.04 S 49.68 S	MAR 30	49.75 S
	JG 29, 1987 EB 22, 1989						
Site 0-44							
DATE LEV	ER EL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
NOV 05 11.	36 S MA 30 S AP 19 S MA	B 10, 1988 R 02 R 05 Y 04 N 01	15.21 S 15.94 S 17.29 S 18.46 S 16.48 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 09 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 04	17.72 S 18.23 S 18.80 S 19.40 S 20.39 S	DEC 14, 1988 JAN 10, 1989 FEB 22 MAR 30	22.01 S 23.09 S 24.65 S 25.22 S
	JG 29, 1987 AR 30, 1989						
Site 0-45							
DATE LEV	ER EL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
SEP 25 +2.	36 S MA	B 10, 1988 R 02 R 05	+2.52 S +2.68 S +2.67 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 09 SEP 07	+1.60 S +1.27 S +.92 S	DEC 14, 1988 JAN 10, 1989 FEB 22	+1.64 S +1.42 S +1.32 S
DEC 03 +2.	30 S MA	Y 04 N 01	+2.40 S +2.35 S	OCT 04 NOV 03	+1.34 S +1.72 S	MAR 30	+1.67 S
	CC 03, 1987 CP 07, 1988						
Site 0-50							
WAT	ER EL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
DATE WAT LEV AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 .	EL MS 24 S AP 29 S MA 99 S JU	DATE R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01 L 07		DATE AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 03		DATE MAR 30, 1989	LEVEL MS
DATE WAT LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 . MAR 02, 1988 .  HIGHEST .79 A	EL MS 24 S AP 29 S MA 99 S JU	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01	.79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S	AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04	1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S		LEVEL MS
DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 MAR 02, 1988 . HIGHEST .79 AL LOWEST 2.42 M.  Site 0-51	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 39 S JU 39 S JU 50 S 1988 AR 30, 1989	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01	.79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S 1.70 S	AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04	1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S 1.54 S		LEVEL MS 2.42 S
DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 MAR 02, 1988 . HIGHEST .79 AL LOWEST 2.42 M.  Site O-51	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 39 S JU 39 S JU 50 S 1988 AR 30, 1989	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01	.79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S	AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04	1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S		LEVEL MS
DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 . MAR 02, 1988 . HIGHEST .79 A. LOWEST 2.42 M.  Site 0-51  AUG 28, 1987 +2. SEP 25 +2. NOV 05 +2.	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 29 S JU 28 O5, 1988 4R 30, 1989  EL MS  EL MS  10 S JA 12 S FE 14 S MA	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01 L 07	.79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S 1.70 S	AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 03	1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S 1.54 S	MAR 30, 1989	LEVEL MS 2.42 S WATER
DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 . MAR 02, 1988 . HIGHEST .79 A. LOWEST 2.42 M.  Site O-51  AUG 28, 1987 +2. SEP 25 +2. NOV 05 +2. DEC 03 +3. HIGHEST +6.79 J.	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 29 S JU 28 O5, 1988 4R 30, 1989  EL MS  EL MS  10 S JA 12 S FE 14 S MA	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01 L 07 DATE N 13, 1988 B 10 R 02	LEVEL MS .79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S 1.70 S  WATER LEVEL MS +5.05 S +6.10 S +6.36 S	DATE  MAY 04, 1988 JUN 01 JUL 07	LEVEL MS  1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S 1.54 S  WATER LEVEL MS +6.59 S +6.79 S +6.38 S	DATE SEP 07, 1988 OCT 04 NOV 03	WATER LEVEL MS +5.54 S +5.53 S +5.42 S
DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 . MAR 02, 1988 . HIGHEST .79 A. LOWEST 2.42 M.  Site O-51  AUG 28, 1987 +2. SEP 25 +2. NOV 05 +2. DEC 03 +3. HIGHEST +6.79 J.	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 29 S JU 28 O5, 1988 4R 30, 1989  ER MS  EL MS  10 S JA 12 S FE 14 S MA 10 S AP 11 O1, 1988	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01 L 07 DATE N 13, 1988 B 10 R 02	LEVEL MS .79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S 1.70 S  WATER LEVEL MS +5.05 S +6.10 S +6.36 S	DATE  MAY 04, 1988 JUN 01 JUL 07	LEVEL MS  1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S 1.54 S  WATER LEVEL MS +6.59 S +6.79 S +6.38 S	DATE SEP 07, 1988 OCT 04 NOV 03	WATER LEVEL MS +5.54 S +5.53 S +5.42 S
DATE LEV.  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 MAR 02, 1988 .  HIGHEST .79 A. LOWEST 2.42 M.  Site 0-51  AUG 28, 1987 +2. SEP 25 NOV 05 +2. DEC 03 +3.  HIGHEST +6.79 J. LOWEST +2.40 A.  Site 0-52	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 29 S JU 29 S JU 20 C 1988 20 R 30, 1989  EL MS 21 MS 22 S FE 24 S MA 20 S AP 21 N 01, 1988 22 S FA 24 S MA 26 S MA 27 MS 28, 1987	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01 L 07 DATE N 13, 1988 B 10 R 02	LEVEL MS .79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S 1.70 S  WATER LEVEL MS +5.05 S +6.10 S +6.36 S	DATE  MAY 04, 1988 JUN 01 JUL 07	LEVEL MS  1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S 1.54 S  WATER LEVEL MS +6.59 S +6.79 S +6.38 S	DATE SEP 07, 1988 OCT 04 NOV 03	WATER LEVEL MS +5.54 S +5.53 S +5.42 S
DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 1. SEP 25 1. DEC 03 MAR 02, 1988 .  HIGHEST .79 A LOWEST 2.42 M  Site O-51  AUG 28, 1987 +2. SEP 25 +2. NOV 05 +2. DEC 03 +3.  HIGHEST +6.79 J LOWEST +2.40 A  Site O-52  WAT  DATE LEV  AUG 28, 1987 10. SEP 25 10. NOV 05 10. DEC 03 10.	EL MS  24 S AP 29 S MA 29 S JU 28 O5, 1988 28 30, 1989  EL MS 28 FE 24 S MA 20 S FE 24 S MA 20 S AP 21 NS 22 S FE 24 S MA 26 S FE 27 S MA 28 S FE 28 S MA 29 S AP 28 S MA	R 05, 1988 Y 04 N 01 L 07 DATE N 13, 1988 B 10 R 02 R 05	LEVEL MS .79 S 1.07 S 1.24 S 1.70 S  WATER LEVEL MS +5.05 S +6.10 S +6.36 S +6.56 S	AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 03 DATE MAY 04, 1988 JUN 01 JUL 07 AUG 09	LEVEL MS  1.96 S 2.10 S 1.77 S 1.54 S  WATER LEVEL MS +6.59 S +6.79 S +6.79 S +6.38 S +5.96 S	DATE SEP 07, 1988 OCT 04 NOV 03 MAR 30, 1989	WATER LEVEL MS +5.54 S +5.53 S +5.42 S +5.79 S

Table 16.--Records of water levels in monitoring wells--Continued

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DATE LEVE		DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 28, 1987 29.1 SEP 25 29.3 FEB 10, 1988 28.5 MAR 02 28.3	S MAY	05, 1988 04 01 07	28.08 S 27.94 S 27.77 S 27.97 S	AUG 09, 1988 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 03	28.94 S JAN 28.84 S FEE	14, 1988 112, 1989 3 22 3 30	29.08 S 28.99 S 28.74 S 28.58 S
HIGHEST 27.77 JUN LOWEST 29.36 SEI							
Site 0-54							
DATE LEVE		DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 29, 1987 8.99 SEP 25 6.81 NOV 05 6.21 DEC 03 6.24 JAN 13, 1988 6.56	S MAR S APR S MAY	10, 1988 02 05 04 01	6.76 S 6.65 S 6.81 S 7.24 S 7.14 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 09 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 03	13.32 S JAN 9.54 S FEE	114, 1988 110, 1989 3 22 3 30	8.03 S 7.90 S 8.05 S 7.53 S
HIGHEST 6.24 DEC LOWEST 16.73 JUI	03, 1987 07, 1988						
<u>Site 0-58</u>							
DATE LEVE		DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 29, 1987 15.1: OCT 16 14.80 NOV 05 14.9: DEC 03 14.6' JAN 13, 1988 14.40	S MAR S APR S MAY	10, 1988 02 05 04 01	14.29 S 14.35 S 14.54 S 14.65 S 14.67 S	JUL 07, 1988 AUG 09 SEP 07 OCT 04 NOV 04	14.88 S DEC 15.08 S MAR 15.18 S 15.21 S 15.18 S		15.22 S 14.86 S
HIGHEST 14.29 FEI LOWEST 15.22 DEC							
<u>Site 0-60</u>							
DATE LEVE		DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 29, 1987 15.6' SEP 25 15.6' OCT 16 15.66 DEC 04 15.69	S MAR	10, 1988 02 05 04	15.67 S 15.64 S 15.78 S 15.83 S	JUN 01, 1988 JUL 07 AUG 09 SEP 07	16.70 S NOV 17.58 S DEC	04, 1988 03 14 30, 1989	17.95 S 17.86 S 17.87 S 16.28 S
HIGHEST 15.64 MAI LOWEST 17.98 SEI							
Site 0-61							
DATE LEVE		DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 29, 1987 62.8 SEP 25 64.5 NOV 05 64.7 DEC 04 63.7	S FEE	13, 1988 10 02 05	64.48 S 64.76 S 64.79 S 64.30 S	MAY 04, 1988 JUN 01 JUL 07 AUG 09	64.55 S OCT	07, 1988 04 30, 1989	64.74 S 65.10 S 68.80 S
HIGHEST 62.85 AUG LOWEST 68.80 MAI							
Site 0-62							
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DATE LEVE		DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
	MS S DEC S JAN	DATE 03, 1987 13, 1988 10		DATE MAR 02, 1988 APR 05 MAY 04	LEVEL MS  23.99 S JUN 24.20 S JUI	DATE 01, 1988 07 09	

Table 16.--Records of water levels in monitoring wells--Continued

## Site 0-63

Site 0-63							
DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 29, 1987 SEP 26 NOV 05	91.41 S JA	C 03, 1987 N 13, 1988 B 10	92.23 S 93.29 S 95.14 S	MAR 02, 1988 APR 05 MAY 04	95.50 S JU	JN 01, 1988 JL 07 JG 09	97.15 S 98.18 S 99.00 S
HIGHEST 91.4 LOWEST 99.00	1 SEP 26, 1987 0 AUG 09, 1988						
Site 0-64							
DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 30, 1987	5.03 S JA	N 13, 1988	6.33 S	APR 06, 1988	6.81 S SE	CP 08, 1988	6.61 S
HIGHEST 5.03 LOWEST 6.83	3 AUG 30, 1987 1 APR 06, 1988						
Site 0-63							
DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS	DATE	WATER LEVEL MS
AUG 30, 1987	12.71 S JA	N 13, 1988	13.92 S	APR 06, 1988	15.19 S SE	P 08, 1988	17.60 S
HIGHEST 12.77 LOWEST 17.60	1 AUG 30, 1987 0 SEP 08, 1988						

Table 17. -- Physical properties and major-ion concentrations of ground water and streamflow

[Analyses by Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology in accordance with methods defined by Skougstad and others (1979). Geologic unit: Qvf, Quaternary valley fill; Kjr, Upper Cretaceous Judith River Formation; Kcl, Upper Cretaceous Claggett Shale; Ke, Upper Cretaceous Eagle Sandstone; Kc, Upper and Lower Cretaceous Colorado Group; KJke, Lower Cretaceous to Middle Jurassic Kootenai Formation and Ellis Group. Depth of well, total: in feet below land surface. Bicarbonate and carbonate were determined by fixed endpoint titration (fet) in the laboratory (lab) or by incremental titration (it) onsite (fld). Abbreviations: °C, degrees Celsius; µS/cm, microsiemens per centimeter at 25 °C; mg/L, milligrams per liter. Symbols: <, less than; --, no data or not applicable; ND, not detected)

Site number	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well, total (feet)	Date	Tem- pera- ture, water (°C)	Onsite spe-cific con-duct-ance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Oxygen, dis- solved (mg/L)	Hard- ness, total (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Alka- linity (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Solids, sum of constit- uents, dis- solved (mg/L)	Cal- cium, dis- solved (mg/L as Ca)	Magne- sium, dis- solved (mg/L as Mg)
					Grou	ind-water	sites					
B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 B-5	KJke Kc Ke Ke Ke	226 174 144 224 375	10-03-88 10-03-88 10-02-88 10-01-88 10-01-88	9.5 10.0  10.5 10.5	710 1,850  1,060 1,340	   	  	370 22 350 490 90	   	428 1,170 416 706 865	82 5.2 64 93 16	39 2.2 47 62 12
B-6 B-7 B-8 O-2 O-5	Ke Ke Ke Qvf Qvf	303 94 214 83 45	10-03-88 10-02-88 10-02-88 10-15-87 10-14-87	10.0 10.5 10.5 9.0 9.0	775 1,280 1,480 480 477	  7.5 7.6	  8.0 8.4	350 78 540 260 260	  240 230	473 696 1,050 287 282	63 16 96 71 68	46 9.3 74 21 21
0-7 0-9	Qvf Qvf	34 53	10-14-87 10-17-87	9.5 9.0	813 471	7.3 7.4	5.6 7.5	440 260	350 230	529 289	100 <b>68</b>	4 4 2 1
0-10 0-11	Qvf Qvf	40 45	06-24-88 10-14-87 10-14-87	8.5 8.5	572 1,550	7.3 7.2	4.8 6.0	260 300 730	270 380	256 350 1,140	68 80 150	22 25 86
0-13	Qvf	40	10-19-87 06-28-88	7.5 8.0	1,150 1,240	7.3 7.2	7.0	550 580	330	791 788	130 140	5 <b>4</b> 5 <b>8</b>
0-14 0-16 0-17	Qvf Qvf Qvf	40 65 43	10-14-87 10-15-87 10-15-87	9.5 7.5 9.0	570 620 13,000	7.4 7.3 7.5	8.7 7.0 .2	300 310 2,300	270 280 690	347 377 11,500	79 83 160	25 26 450
O-18 O-19 O-20 O-22	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	27 58 35 85	09-14-87 09-12-87 09-12-87 09-14-87 10-16-87	9.5 8.5 9.0 9.0 8.0	6,620 1,620 1,550 985 965	7.3 7.4 7.4 7.2 7.3	.1 .5 .2 4.4 4.4	1,400 650 590 470 470	480 400 370 330 330	5,510 1,200 1,100 657 662	240 130 130 110 110	180 79 62 46 46
0-23 0-24 0-25 0-26 0-27	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	87 73 28 100 110	06-23-88 09-12-87 09-12-87 09-13-87 09-18-87	8.5 8.5 9.0 8.5 9.5	970 713 3,030 881 953	7.3 7.3 7.3 7.5	5.0 .5 2.8 ND	460 360 1,100 430 420	310 530 330 320	602 464 2,380 600 658	110 93 190 96 100	45 32 150 45 39
0-28 0-29 0-30 0-31 0-33	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	130 88 97 123 120	09-13-87 09-13-87 09-11-87 09-12-87 09-11-87	10.0 10.5 9.0 9.0	1,260 993 1,550 1,990 1,640	7.6 7.5 8.2 7.8 7.9	ND .1 .2 .3	360 350 110 160 140	360 300 360 480 370	911 690 1,110 1,380 1,140	79 82 27 39 34	38 34 10 15
0-34 0-40 0-42 0-43	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	105 65 54 55	09-10-87 11-05-87 09-15-87 06-27-88 11-04-87	10.5 7.5 8.0 7.0 7.0	1,590 515 362 435 478	8.3 7.5 7.7 7.6 7.4	.4 6.9 9.4  7.0	44 270 210 220 250	380 240 190  240	1,080 320 232 234 284	11 74 59 62 71	3.7 20 15 16 17
O-44 O-46 O-47 O-48 O-49	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	60 60 23 69 64	10-18-87 10-18-87 10-17-87 10-17-87 10-17-87	8.0 8.0 9.5 8.0 7.5	459 609 830 590 710	7.5 7.2 7.1 7.4 7.4	6.5 3.3 1.8 2.9	240 320 450 310 370	230 260 340 260 280	274 380 540 363 452	69 83 110 82 92	17 27 42 25 33
0-50 0-51	Qvf Qvf	40 85	10-17-87 11-05-87	7.5 8.5	615 1,520	7.4 7.1	2.0 ND	330 820	270 500	378 1,110	87 140	26 110
0-52 0-53	Qvf Qvf	43 97	11-01-88 11-05-87 11-05-87	8.5 8.0 8.5	1,540 1,900 730	7.1 7.2 7.7	.3 .1 .1	810 1,100 130	490 410 280	1,110 1,520 468	140 190 34	110 140 12
0-54 0-55	Qvf Qvf	87 86	11-05-87 11-05-87	9.0 8.5	1,280 2,170	7.4 7.1	ND ND	350 720	400 620	888 1,050	65 130	44 93
0-56 0-58	Qvf Qvf	<b>38</b> 55	11-01-88 11-04-87 10-16-87	8.0 8.5 9.0	1,860 2,690 3,020	7.1 7.0 6.8	1.4 .1 .2	540 610 1,300	540 700 930	1,380 2,020 2,500	100 140 230	71 62 180

Sodium, dis- solved (mg/L as Na)	Sodium ad- sorp- tion ratio (SAR)		fet-lab	bonate, it-fld (mg/L as	Car- bonate, fet-lab (mg/L as CO <sub>3</sub> )	Sul- fate, dis- solved (mg/L as SO <sub>4</sub> )	Chlo- ride, dis- solved (mg/L as Cl)	Fluo- ride, dis- solved (mg/L as F)	Bro- mide, dis- solved (mg/L as Br)	Silica, dis- solved (mg/L as SiO <sub>2</sub> )	Nitro- gen, nitrate, dis- solved (mg/L as NO <sub>3</sub> )	Phos- phorus, dis- solved (mg/L as P)	Site number
	Ground-water sites												
13 430 20 60 280	0.3 42 .5 1	6.2 2.4 2.7 3.4 2.1	330 710 310 410 500	  	   	110 350 120 270 290	1.9 4.4 2.9 4.0 3.0	0.8 1.2 1.0 .5	<0.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	6.9 8.3  14 8.5	.75 .11 .93 .19	<0.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 B-5
38 240 140 2.8 4.2	.9 12 3 .1 .1	2.7 1.5 3.4 1.6 1.9	370 360 420 280 270	  290 276	   	120 230 500 34 37	2.5 7.7 4.5 .8	.4 .2 .6 .3	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	14 9.4 13 11	.54 .09 .32 .29	<2.0 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	B-6 B-7 B-8 O-2 O-5
19 6.1 4.9 11 100	.4 .2 .1 .3	3.9 1.9 2.0 2.6 3.3	410 270 210 330 460	422 276  324 468	   	130 43 40 54 550	2.6 .8 1.1 1.7 4.6	.4 .3 .3 .3	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	14 11 11 13 14	.61 .22 .19 .43	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-7 0-9 0-10 0-11
61 61 10 15 2,800	1 1 .3 .4 26	3.6 4.4 2.3 2.4 5.2	410 290 320 340 760	400  328 348 840	   	330 360 53 63 7,600	2.4 3.2 1.3 1.7	.4 .2 .3 .3	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	14 14 13 13	.32 .36 .34 .34	<.10 <.10 .10 <.10 .10	0-13 0-14 0-16 0-17
1,200 150 140 49 49	15 3 3 1 1	6.8 3.0 3.7 2.7 2.8	550 460 420 430 400	5 <b>84</b> 490 446 408 404	   	3,500 580 510 230 230	15 5.3 4.9 2.8 2.6	1.4 .4 .6 .4	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	14 14 13 14	.04 .15 .04 .32	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-18 0-19 0-20 0-22
48 25 370 50 67	1 .6 5 1	2.9 2.6 3.9 2.5 3.3	330 370 620 400 380	 376 648 402 396	   	220 110 1,300 190 230	2.7 2.3 11 2.4 3.0	.4 .4 1.2 .5	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	13 14 18 13	.43 .25 .03 .27	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-23 0-24 0-25 0-26 0-27
170 100 340 400 330	4 2 15 14 13	4.2 4.5 2.5 3.6 3.3	420 350 400 520 400	440 368 440 590 450	   	380 260 490 560 500	4.5 3.7 11 9.1 12	.3 .7 .5 1.1	<.1 <.1 .2 <.1	14 15 10 15 13	.02 .03 .04 .04	<.10 <.10 .10 <.10 <.10	O-28 O-29 O-30 O-31 O-33
360 12 4.4 4.7 4.9	25 .3 .1 .1	2.1 1.8 1.5 1.8 2.1	440 290 230 190 280	438 294 236  290	   	430 53 22 39 33	12 1.0 .7 1.9	.6 .2 .1 .2	<.1  .1 <.1 <.1	9.4 13 13 12	.02 .25 .08 .29	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-34 0-40 0-42 0-43
5.5 13 18 12 18	.2 .3 .4 .3	1.9 2.8 3.7 2.4 3.3	280 320 420 310 340	280 314 414 314 338	   	27 85 140 71 120	.7 .6 1.8 .7	.2 .3 .3 .3	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	13 13 14 13	.13 .23 .47 .19	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-44 0-46 0-47 0-48 0-49
10 65 64 86 120	.3 1 1 1 5	2.6 9.3 9.5 8.5 3.9	330 610 570 480 330	336 608 604 502 346	   	71 470 470 820 110	.6 3.3 4.6 4.1 1.3	.3 .4 .6 .6	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	14 12 11 15 13	.14 .03 .34 .04	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-50 0-51 0-52 0-53
180 290 260 450 310	4 5 5 8 4	6.3 9.4 9.0 9.3	480 750 610 790 1,100	488 762 661 854 1,130	   	340 120 590 900 1,200	2.4 4.8 4.4 6.7 8.8	.6 .4 .6 .3	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	13 16 15 15	.05 .04 .21 .05	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0-54 0-55 0-56 0-58

Table 17.--Physical properties and major-ion concentrations of ground water and streamflow--Continued

Site number	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well, total (feet)	Date	Tem- pera- ture, water (°C)	Onsite spe- cific con- duct- ance (µS/cm)	Onsite pH (stand- ard units)	Oxygen, dis- solved (mg/L)	Hard- ness, total (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Alka- linity (mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	Solids, sum of constit- uents, dis- solved (mg/L)	Cal- cium, dis- solved (mg/L as Ca)	Magne- sium, dis- solved (mg/L as Mg)
				G	round-wat	er sites-	-Continue	d				
0-59 0-60 0-62 0-63 0-64	Qvf Kjr(?) Qvf Qvf Qvf	65 170 73 133 62	11-04-87 11-04-87 11-04-87 11-04-87 11-03-87	8.5 9.0 8.0 8.5 8.0	2,900 2,850 613 869 440	6.8 6.8 7.5 7.3 7.5	.1 2.2 .1 8.4	1,400 1,500 320 460 230	900 930 300 440 230	2,340 2,320 387 529 255	230 180 81 78 59	190 250 29 64 20
O-65 O-66 P-2 P-5 P-6	Qvf Qvf KJke KJke Qvf	34 17 290 192	11-03-87 11-03-87 10-25-73 10-25-73 11-03-88	10.0 10.0  10.5	2,520 680 628 822 980	7.2 7.3   6.8	.6 .2  	1,100 340 390 440 480	350 330   300	2,110 412 493 604 668	200 85 110 84 100	150 32 29 55 54
P-7 P-32 P-64 P-67 P-68	KJke Qvf Ke KJke Qvf	32 180 	11-03-88 11-02-88 11-03-88 10-25-73 11-04-88	11.5 9.5 10.5  9.0	960 520 1,500 687 1,010	7.3 7.1 9.0  7.2	   	470 280 7 370 490	300 250 360  310	642 322 1,060 485 700	98 71 2.2 85 120	54 24 .3 39 47
P-73 P-76 P-77 P-81 P-87	Qvf Kjr Qvf Qvf Qvf	45 76 120  42	10-25-73 10-25-73 10-25-73 11-02-88 10-25-73	  10.5 7.5	659 1,190 4,280 2,150 842	  7.4	  	300 550 650 640 350	  390 	457 921 3,480 1,800 576	52 87 130 130 69	41 80 79 74 44
P-90 P-91 P-94 P-96 P-98	Kjr Qvf Qvf Qvf	70  80 68 67	10-31-88 11-03-88 03-29-73 11-01-88 07-12-73	7.5 11.0 8.5 8.0 9.0	1,400 1,110 848 880 1,560	7.2 7.2  7.5	4.6    	560 510 340 380 150	360 360  300	911 882 591 559 1,130	120 110 61 94 29	60 56 45 36 19
P-102 P-108 P-109 P-110 P-136	Kjr Qvf Ke Kc Kcl	26  80	10-25-73 08-13-73 10-25-73 11-02-88 10-25-73	9.0  8.5	3,190 630 1,180 690 2,680	7.1	  	160 310 44 360 1,300	  270 	2,320 414 793 439 2,320	18 59 6.7 87 200	28 40 6.7 34 200
P-150 P-152 P-153	Qvf Qvf Qvf	25 41 32	11-01-88 10-25-73 08-13-73	7.5 7.0 	700 520 3,700	7.4 8.0 	2.4  	360 280 1,500	290  	442 356 3,240	94 64 220	31 29 240
	*				<u>St</u> r	eamflow s	ites					
06154410 S-3 S-5	)   	  	11-04-86 10-19-87 11-04-86 10-19-87 10-19-87	8.0 4.0 8.0 3.0 4.0	462 450 550 559 685	 8.6 8.4 8.4	11.0 10.8 11.9	250 290 290 340	230 260 260 290	 276 325 348 438	 60 75 76 84	 23 24 25 31
S-7 06154430 S-10 S-11 S-12	 )  	  	10-19-87 10-20-87 10-20-87 10-20-87 10-20-87	3.5 5.0 2.5 2.5 4.5	735 545 810 852 960	8.6 7.9 8.2 8.5 8.3	13.6 9.6 12.7 12.8 14.2	340 280 400 410 430	290 270 320 320 330	459 319 492 548 623	80 79 97 90 87	34 20 39 44 52

Table 17.--Physical properties and major-ion concentrations of ground water and streamflow--Continued

Sodium, dis- solved (mg/L as Na)		sium,	fet-lab	bonate, it-fld (mg/L as	Car- bonate, fet-lab (mg/L as CO <sub>3</sub> )	Sul- fate, dis- solved (mg/L as SO <sub>4</sub> )	Chlo- ride, dis- solved (mg/L as Cl)	Fluo- ride, dis- solved (mg/L as F)		solved	Nitro- gen, nitrate, dis- solved (mg/L as NO <sub>3</sub> )	dis- solved (mg/L	Site number
					Ground	-water si	tesCo	ntinued					
260 220 11 21 4.9	3 3 .3 .4 .1	13 13 2.9 3.6 1.6		1,100 1,140 372 542 278	   	1,100 1,100 48 74 21	6.5 6.4 1.7 2.8	.3 .2 .2 .7	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	17 16 24 15	.04 .04 1.1 .75	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	O-59 O-60 O-62 O-63 O-64
250 20 7.3 36 38	3 .5 .2 .8	3.8 2.7 4.0 6.0 5.9	400 400 240 290 340	432 406   362	 1 <b>4</b> 0	1,300 57 180 270 270	11 1.6 2.4 1.8 1.8	.4 .2 .5 .2	<.1 <.1  <.1	16 13 11 8.1 7.9	.19 .02 .5 .14	<.10 <.10   .10	O-65 O-66 P-2 P-5 P-6
38 9.4 370 14 51	.8 .3 65 .3	6.2 2.2 .8 3.0 3.0	360 300 390 200 370	361 311 397  378	  0 	250 47 420 230 280	1.8 1.1 13 3.9 2.6	.1 .3 .2 .4	<.1 <.1 <.1  <.1	5.1 12 8.4 9.8 13	.04 .36 .36 .34	<.10 <.10 <.10  <.10	P-7 P-32 P-64 P-67 P-68
53 93 870 350 63	1 2 15 6 1	3.0 3.0 6.0 3.6 3.0	330 480 450 220	  480 	14 0  0	160 450 2,100 980 270	3.3 5.2 21 7.2 3.3	.2 .7 .5 .8	  <.1	12 11 10 12 14	  5.2 .09 .27	  <.10	P-73 P-76 P-77 P-81 P-87
93 92 71 46 330	2 2 2 1 12	3.0 5.2 3.0 3.2 3.0	420 390 250 350 400	446 437  372 	 0  0	390 370 270 180 530	4.2 6.8 3.4 2.7 9.6	.4 .4 .5 .6	<.1 <.1 	13 14 14 13 13	.56 .36  .08 .02	<.10 <.10  <.10	P-90 P-91 P-94 P-96 P-98
740 25 290 13 250	26 .6 19 .3	6.0 3.0 1.0 <b>4.8</b>	600 290 530 320 480	  333 	42 0 33  0	1,100 130 150 120 1,400	27 2.2 1.8 1.0 4.9	1.1 .3 .3 .9	  <.1	17 11 8.3 5.9 9.1	.16 .11 .11 .04	  <.10	P-102 P-108 P-109 P-110 P-136
15 18 440	.4 .5 5	2.8 3.0 13	340  420	351  	 0	110 100 2,100	1.1 .9 5.0	.3 .3 .2	<.1  	13 13 10	.27  .18		P-150 P-152 P-153
						Streamf]	low site:	<u>s</u>					
2.6 8.3 9.0 21	 .1 .2 .2 .5	1.6 2.4 2.6 2.9	280 300 310 340	256  296 322	  	 26 52 52 94	.7 1.5 1.3 2.0	 .2 .4 .3	<.1 <.1 <.1 <.1	11 11 12 12	.07 .71 2.8 .04	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	0615 <b>44</b> 10 s-3 s-5
27 6.9 24 32 51	.7 .2 .5 .7	3.0 2.6 3.1 3.5 4.7	350 330 390 390 410	328 330 390 352 388	   	110 33 120 150 200	2.2 .8 1.5 1.7 2.8	. 4 . 2 . 4 . 4	<.1 <.1 <.18 <.1 <.1	11 14 9.0 9.2 9.5	.02 .02 .02 .02 .02	<.10 <.10 <.10 <.10 <.10	S-7 06154430 S-10 S-11 S-12

Table 18.--Trace-element concentrations of ground water and streamflow

[Analyses by Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology in accordance with methods defined by Skougstad and others (1979). Geologic unit: Qvf, Quaternary valley fill; Kjr, Upper Cretaceous Judith River Formation; Kcl, Upper Cretaceous Claggett Shale; Ke, Upper Cretaceous Eagle Sandstone; Kc, Upper and Lower Cretaceous Colorado Group; KJke, Lower Cretaceous to Middle Jurassic Kootenai Formation and Ellis Group.

Depth of well, total: in feet below land surface. Abbreviation: µg/L, micrograms per liter. Symbols: <, less than; --, no data or not applicable]

Site number	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well, total (feet)	Date	Alum- inum, dis- solved (µg/L as Al)	Boron, dis- solved (µg/L as B)	Cadmium, dis- solved (µg/L as Cd)	Chro- mium, dis- solved (µg/L as Cr)	Copper, dis- solved (µg/L as Cu)	Iron, dis- solved (µg/L as Fe)	Lithium, dis- solved (µg/L as Li)
				Grou	nd-water	sites				
B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 B-5	KJke Kc Ke Ke Ke	226 174 144 224 375	10-03-88 10-03-88 10-02-88 10-01-88 10-01-88	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	140 1,900 160  1,100	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	18 7 11 960 15	53 150 20 86 100
B-6 B-7 B-8 O-2 O-5	Ke Ke Ke Qvf Qvf	303 94 214 83 45	10-03-88 10-02-88 10-02-88 10-15-87 10-14-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	170 200 380 30 30	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2 <2	120 260 700 <2 <2	56 31 110 6 11
0-7 0-9 0-10 0-11	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	3 4 5 3 4 0 4 5	10-14-87 10-17-87 06-24-88 10-14-87 10-14-87	<30 <30 <30 30 <30	150 40 80 70 280	7 <2 <2 4 5	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 2 <2 <2	<2 <2 5 <2 <2	54 13 13 16 100
O-13 O-14 O-16 O-17	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	40 40 65 43	10-19-87 06-28-88 10-14-87 10-15-87 10-15-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	230 350 80 70 2,500	<2 3 5 8 5	<2 2 <2 <2 <2	<2 10 <2 <2 <2	6 22 <2 <2 56	63 70 18 20 520
O-18 O-19 O-20 O-22	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	27 58 35 85	09-14-87 09-12-87 09-12-87 09-14-87 10-16-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	30 340 230 120 150	<2 2 <2 <2 3	<2 <2 3 <2 <2	<2 2 10 5 <2	2,800 <2 500 <2 <2	7 110 92 47 47
0-23 0-24 0-25 0-26 0-27	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	87 73 28 100 110	06-23-88 09-12-87 09-12-87 09-13-87 09-18-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	200 690 480 130	3 <2 <2 <2 <2 <2	2 <2 <2 <2 <2	4 4 <2 <2 2	16 <2 1,000 <2 95	48 25 210 60 44
0-28 0-29 0-30 0-31 0-33	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	130 88 97 123 120	09-13-87 09-13-87 09-11-87 09-12-87 09-11-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	340 200 360 1,000 480	<2 <2 17 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	810 160 30 39 29	99 72 72 130 81
O-34 O-40 O-42 O-43	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	105 65 54 55	09-10-87 11-05-87 09-15-87 06-27-88 11-04-87	<30 <30 <20 <30 <30	470 30 30 60 50	<2 <2 <2 2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 3 <2	24 <2 <2 <2 <2	110 12 7 10 7
O-44 O-46 O-47 O-48 O-49	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	60 60 23 69 64	10-18-87 10-18-87 10-17-87 10-17-87 10-17-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	140 50 100 90 60	<2 5 3 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 21 340	10 27 40 23 38
0-50 0-51 0-52 0-53	Qvf Qvf Qvf Qvf	40 85 43 97	10-17-87 11-05-87 11-01-88 11-05-87 11-05-87	<30 <30 <30 <30 <30	160 220 300 330 120	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <2 <2	<2 <2 <2 <3 <2	86 1,600 1,600 1,300 130	24 140 140 200 52

Table 18.--Trace-element concentrations of ground water and streamflow--Continued

Manga- nese, dis- solved (µg/L as Mn)	Molyb- denum, dis- solved (µg/L as Mo)	Nickel, dis- solved (µg/L as Ni)	Silver, dis- solved (µg/L as Ag)	Stron- tium, dis- solved (µg/L as Sr)	Ti- tanium, dis- solved (µg/L as Ti)	Vana- dium, dis- solved (µg/L as V)	Zinc, dis- solved (µg/L as Zn)	Zir- conium, dis- solved (µg/L as Zr)	Site number	
Ground-water sites										
35 6 7 120 7	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <16 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	830 150 <b>54</b> 0 950 360	1 <1 <1 2 <1	<1 <1 <1 1 <1	3 6 560 610 12	<4 <4 <4 <4	B-1 B-2 B-3 B-4 B-5	
52 7 45 <1 <1	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	990 160 1,400 360 410	<1 <1 <1 9	<1 <1 <1 <1 <1	560 4 390 <3 <3	< 4 < 4 < 4 < 4	B-6 B-7 B-8 O-2 O-5	
8 <1 1 <1 1	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	720 450 480 440 1,200	9 8 2 7 10	<1 <1 <1 <1 <1	5 4 4 3 6	< 4 < 4 < 3 < 4 < 4	0-7 0-9 0-10 0-11	
1 1 <1 <1 1,200	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 10	<2.0 <1.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	740 840 430 480 2,700	20 7 7 8 20	<1 3 <1 <1 <1	<3 <3 3 <3 6	<4 4 <4 <4	O-13 O-14 O-16 O-17	
1,800 <1 850 <1 <1	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 3.0 <2.0 <2.0	3,100 1,300 1,300 800 770	10 20 10 10	<1 <1 6 <1 <1	4 5 3 12 5	<3 <4 7 <4 <4	O-18 O-19 O-20 O-22	
3 <1 600 14 760	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	790 590 2,400 780 950	6 10 10 10	3 <1 <1 <1 <1	<3 12 5 9	<4 <4 <4 <4	0-23 0-24 0-25 0-26 0-27	
210 780 160 320 350	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	1,200 1,200 430 650 500	9 10 2 5 3	<1 <1 <1 <1 <1	<3 <3 <3 8 9	<4 <4 <4 <4	0-28 0-29 0-30 0-31 0-33	
32 <1 <1 <1 <1	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	220 420 360 390 350	4 7 10 3 9	<1 <1 <1 <1 <1	<3 3 4 <3 3	<4 <4 <3 <4 <4	0-34 0-40 0-42 0-43	
<1 <1 6 2 28	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	360 560 570 480 700	10 10 10 10	<1 <1 <1 <1 <1	4 4 6 <3 <3	< 4 < 4 < 4 < 4	O-44 O-46 O-47 O-48 O-49	
73 260 250 240 140	<20 <20 <20 <20 <20	<10 <10 <10 <10 <10	<2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0 <2.0	500 980 980 1,300 460	10 <1 8 8 5	<1 <1 <1 <1 <1	3 5 <3 6 <3	<4 <4 <4 <4	0-50 0-51 0-52 0-53	

Table 18.--Trace-element concentrations of ground water and streamflow--Continued

Site number	Geo- logic unit	Depth of well, total (feet)	Date	Alum- inum, dis- solved (µg/L as Al)	Boron, dis- solved (µg/L as B)	Cadmium, dis- solved (µg/L as Cd)	Chro- mium, dis- solved (µg/L as Cr)	Copper, dis- solved (µg/L as Cu)	Iron, dis- solved (µg/L as Fe)	Lithium, dis- solved (µg/L as Li)
	-	· · · · · · · ·	Gr	ound-wat	er sites-	-Continued	<u> </u>			
0-54	Qvf	87	11-05-87	<30	240	<2	<2	<2	1,000	130
0-55	Qvf	86	11-05-87	<30	340	<2	<2	<2	2,600	220
0 00	**-		11-01-88	<30	470	<2	<2	<2	2,200	210
0-56	Qvf	38	11-04-87	<30	460	<2	<2	<2	480	440
0-58	Qvf	55	10-16-87	<30	420	<2	<2	<2	2,000	600
0-59	Qvf	65	11-04-87	<30	410	<2	<2	<2	520	540
0-60	Kjr(?)	170	11-04-87	<30	290	<2	<2	<2	1,600	530
0-62	Qvf	73	11-04-87	<30	50	<2	<2	<2	<2	33
0-63	Qvf	133	11-04-87	<30	100	<2	<2	<2	<2	73
0-64	Qvf	62	11-03-87	<30	<20	<2	<2	<2	<2	5
0.65	0.5	2.4		-20	220	-0	-0		-0	200
0-65 0-66	Qvf Qvf	34 17	11-03-87 11-03-87	<30 <30	370 70	<2 <2	<2 <2	4 <2	<2 29	200 20
P-2	KJke	290	10-25-73						<10	20 
P-5	KJke	192	10-25-73						<10	
P-6	Qvf		11-03-88	<30	320	3	<2	35	13	88
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P-7	KJke		11-03-88	<30	320	2	<2	<2	2,700	91
P-32	Qvf	32	11-02-88	<30	120	<2	<2	19	23	15
P <b>-64</b> P <b>-6</b> 7	Ke KJke	180	11-03-88 10-25-73	<30	180	<2 	<2 	<2 	3 <10	59 
P-68	Qvf		11-04-88	<30	260	<2	<2	<2	130	45
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P-73	Qvf	45	10-25-73						<10	
P-76	Kjr	76	10-25-73						<10	
P-77 P-81	Qvf Qvf	120	10-25-73 11-02-88	<30	610	<2	<2	<2	50 1,000	140
P-87	Qvf	42	10-25-73						<10	
P-90		70	10-31-88	<30	350	<2	<2	<2	4	75
P-91	Kjr		11-03-88	<30	290	<2	<2	<2	2,100	92
P-94	Qvf	80	03-29-73		1.60				<10	
P-96 P-98	Qvf Qvf	68 67	11-01-88 07-12-73	<30 	160	<2 	<2 	<2 	300 <10	38
1 30	QVI	0,	07-12-73						<b>\10</b>	
P-102	Kjr		10-25-73						30	
P-108	Qvf	26	08-13-73						<10	
P-109	Ke		10-25-73						30	
P-110 P-136	Kc Kcl	80	11-02-88 10-25-73	<30	130	<2 	<2 	<2 	4,200 90	36 
			10 20 70						,,,	
P-150	Qvf	25	11-01-88	<30	100	<2	<2	<2	<2	35
P-152	Qvf	41	10-25-73						<10	
P-153	Qvf	32	08-13-73						<10	
				C+ =	eamflow s	itas				
				21.11	XW S	**E3				
06154410			11-04-86							
			10-19-87	<30	30	<2	<2	<2	<2	7
S-3			11-04-86	<30	<20	<2	<2	<2	<2	11
S-5			10-19-87 10-19-87	<30 <30	190 70	2 <2	<2 <2	<2 <2	<2 2	17 27
								••	-	
S-7			10-19-87	<30	90	<2	<2	<2	<2	31
06154430			10-20-87	<30	20	<2	<2	<2	14	13
S-10			10-20-87	<30	70	<2	<2	<2	3	45
S-11 S-12			10-20-87	<30	80	<2	<2	<2	<2	59
2-12			10-20-87	<30	100	<2	<2	<2	<2	87

Table 18.--Trace-element concentrations of ground water and streamflow--Continued

Manga- nese, dis- solved (µg/L as Mn)	Molyb- denum, dis- solved (µg/L as Mo)	Nickel, dis- solved (µg/L as Ni)	Silver, dis- solved (µg/L as Ag)	Stron- tium, dis- solved (µg/L as Sr)	Ti- tanium, dis- solved (µg/L as Ti)	Vana- dium, dis- solved (µg/L as V)	Zinc, dis- solved (µg/L as Zn)	Zir- conium, dis- solved (µg/L as Zr)	Site number
			Gro	ound-water	sitesC	ontinued			
230	<20	<10	<2.0	850	5	<1	5	<4	0-54
450	<20	<10	<2.0	1,700	<1	<1	<3	<4	0-55
340	<20	<10	<2.0	1,300	5	<1	<3	<4	
650	<20	<10	<2.0	1,900	10 <b>4</b>	<1 <1	8 22	<4	0-56
330	<20	<10	<2.0	3,400	,	ζ1	22	<4	0-58
560	<20	<10	<2.0	3,300	5	<1	10	<4	0-59
210	<20	<10	<2.0	2,600	2	<1	11	<4	0-60
130	<20	<10	<2.0	560	6	<1	4	< 4	0-62
2	<20	<10	<2.0	590	8	<1	5	<4	0-63
<1	<20	<10	<2.0	270	8	<1	3	<4	0-64
2	<20	<10	<2.0	2,100	<1	<1	9	<4	0-65
39	<20	<10	<2.0	460	10	<1	á	4	0-66
<10									P-2
<10									P-5
5	<20	<10	<2.0	1,000	9	<1	390	<4	P-6
98	<20	<10	<2.0	960	1	<1	1,500	<4	P-7
1	<20	<10	<2.0	420	7	<1	<3	<4	P-32
9	<20	<10	<2.0	65	<1	<1	<3	<4	P-64
<10									P-67
3	<20	<10	<2.0	740	<1	<1	4	< 4	P-68
<10 20									P-73 P-76
80									P-76 P-77
170	<20	<10	<2.0	1,800	7	<1	<3	<4	P-81
<10									P-87
<1	<20	<10	<2.0	1,000	10	<1	<3	<4	P-90
400 <10	<20 	<10	<2.0	1,100	8	<1 	<3 	<4 	P-91 P-94
680	<20	<10	<2.0	850	1	<1	<3	<4	P-96
60									P-98
<10									P-102
120									P-108
<10									P-109
62 30	<20	<10	<2.0	610	10	<1 	<3 	<4 	P-110 P-136
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<1	<20	<10	<2.0	600	8	<1	<3	<4	P-150
<10									P-152
60									P-153
				Strea	mflow site	2 <b>.5</b>			
									0615445
<1	 -20	 -10	<2.0	240	7	 -1		<4	06154410
10	<20 <20	<10 <10	<2.0	440	9	<1 <1	<3 <3	< 4 < 4	s-3
10	<20	<10	<2.0	430	3	<1	<3	<4	5 3
24	<20	<10	<2.0	540	8	<1	<3	<4	S-5
5	<20	<10	<2.0	570	10	<1	<3	<4	S-7
72	<20	<10	<2.0	380	. 9	<1	<3	<4	06154430
7 3	<20 <20	<10 <10	<2.0 <2.0	590 630	10 <b>9</b>	<1 <1	<3	<4 <4	S-10 S-11
5	<20	<10	<2.0	680	10	<1	<3 <3	<4	S-11 S-12
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## Table 19.--Drinking-water regulations for public water supply1,2

[MCL, Maximum Contaminant Level; SMCL, Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level; mg/L, milligrams per liter; μg/L, micrograms per liter; --, no regulation available or not applicable]

	Maximum concentration or value for indicated regulation							
Water-quality characteristic	National Primary Drinking-Water Regulation <sup>3</sup> (MCL)	National Secondary Drinking-Water Regulation <sup>4</sup> (SMCL)	Equivalent trace-element concentration <sup>5</sup> for MCL or SMCL (µg/L)					
	Physical proper	ty (standard units)	•					
рН		6.5-8.5						
	Common const	ituents (mg/L)						
Dissolved solids Chloride Fluoride Nitrate (as N) Sulfate	4.0 10	500 250 2.0  250	   					
	Trace el	ements (mg/L)						
Aluminum Cadmium Chromium Copper <sup>6</sup> Iron Manganese Silver Zinc	.005 .1  	.052  1.0 .3 .05 .1	50-200 5 100 1,000 300 50 100 5,000					

<sup>1</sup>Regulations in effect as of July 30, 1992.

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Listed only for properties, common constituents, and trace elements analyzed in this report.

JU.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1991a).

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1991b).

The U.S. Geological Survey reports trace-element concentrations in micrograms per liter.

Copper is covered by an "action level" of 1.3 mg/L (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1991c).